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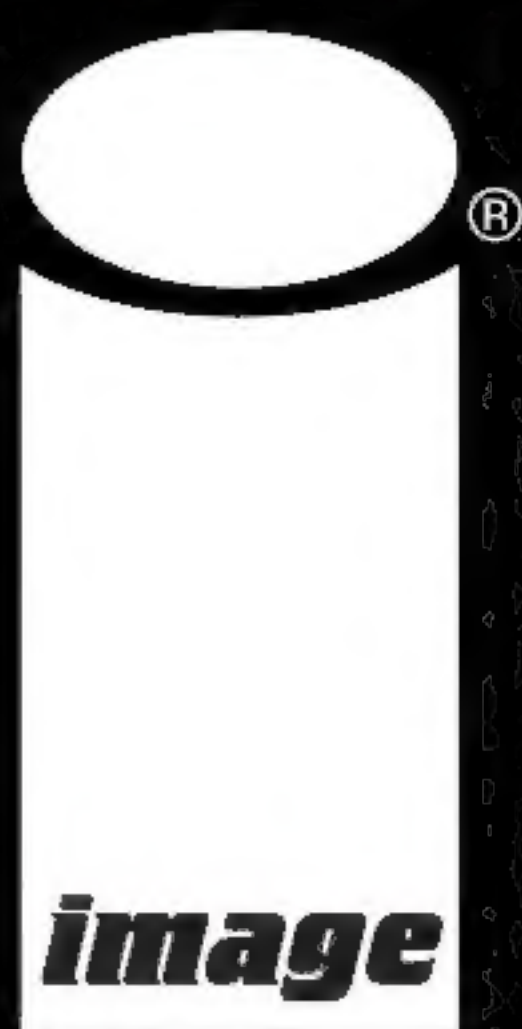
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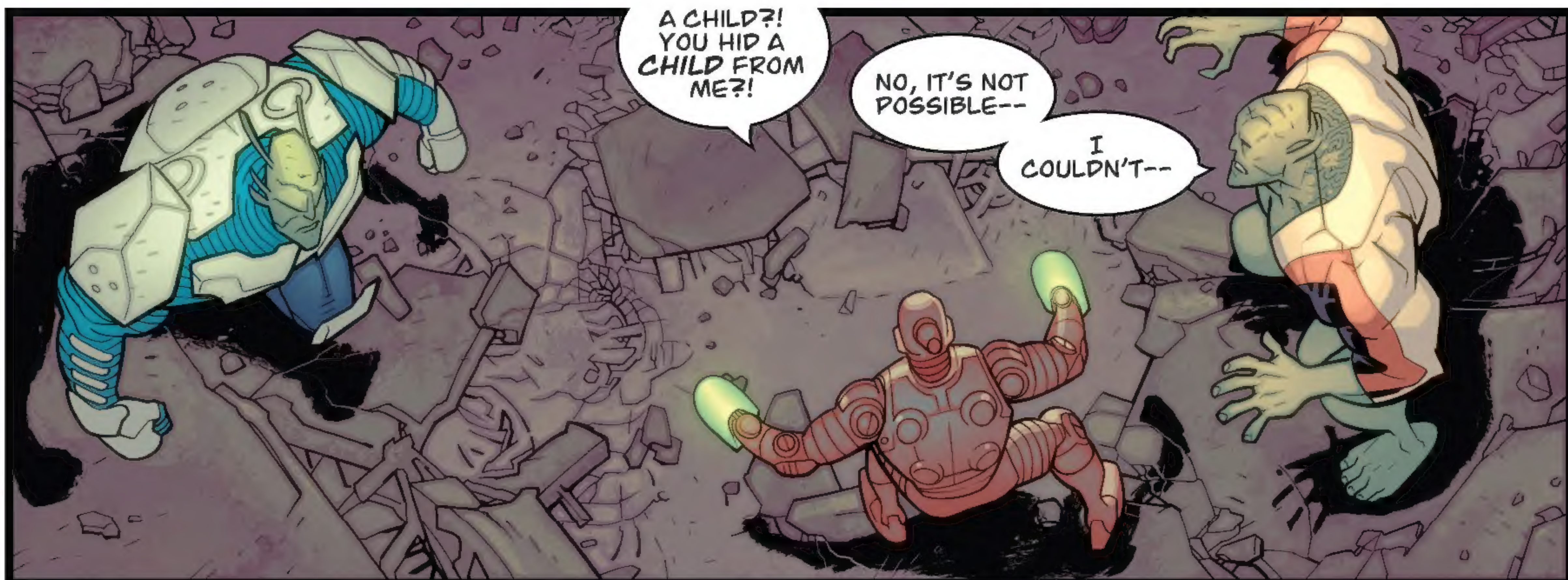
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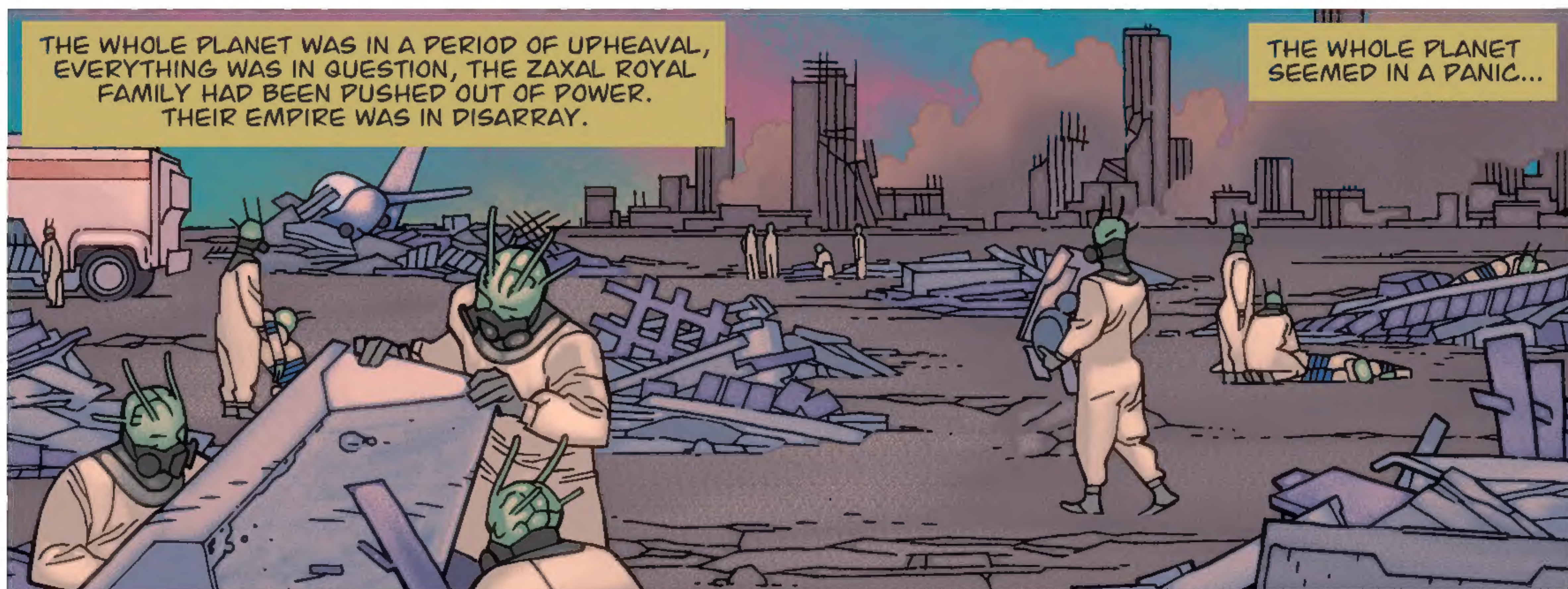






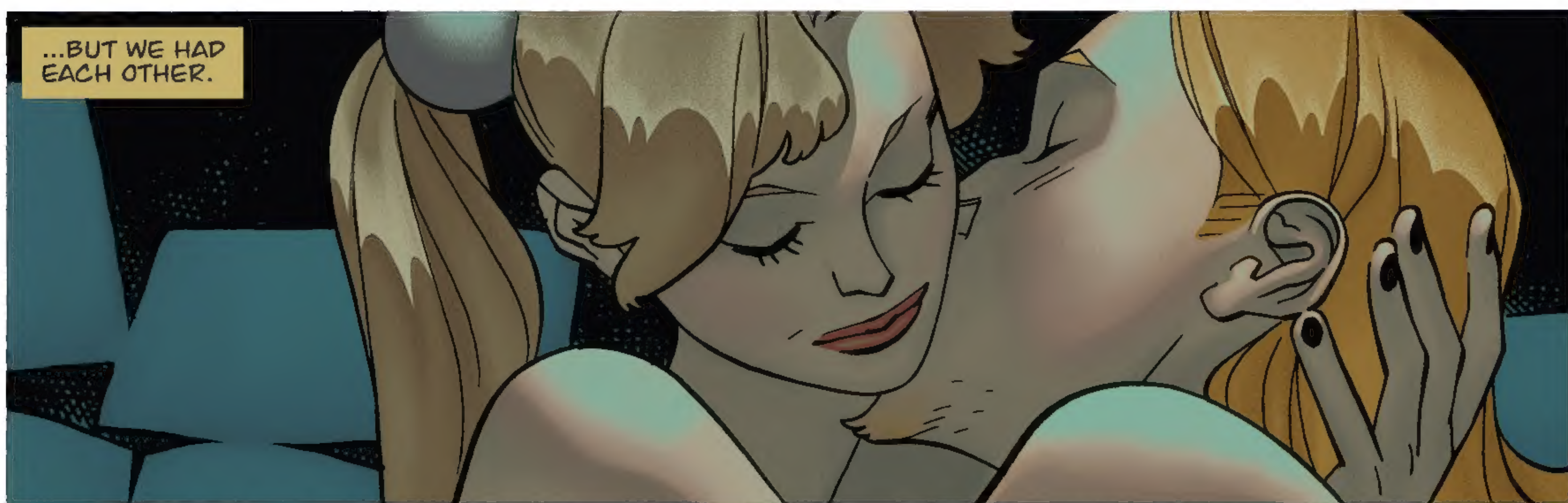
DEAREST AMANDA, I REMEMBER THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE GREAT WAR OF INDEPENDENCE...

...HOW HAPPY WE WERE.

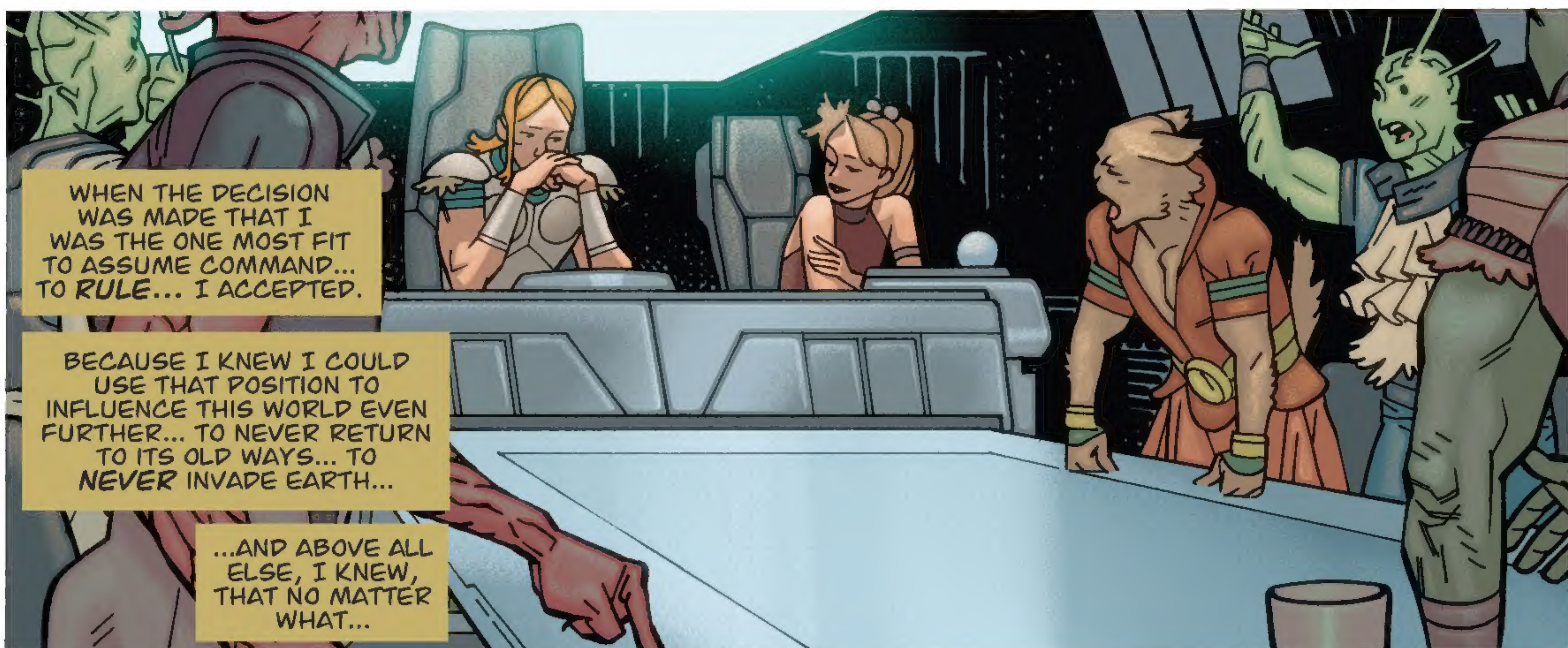


THE WHOLE PLANET WAS IN A PERIOD OF UPHEAVAL, EVERYTHING WAS IN QUESTION, THE ZAXAL ROYAL FAMILY HAD BEEN PUSHED OUT OF POWER. THEIR EMPIRE WAS IN DISARRAY.

THE WHOLE PLANET SEEMED IN A PANIC...



...BUT WE HAD EACH OTHER.

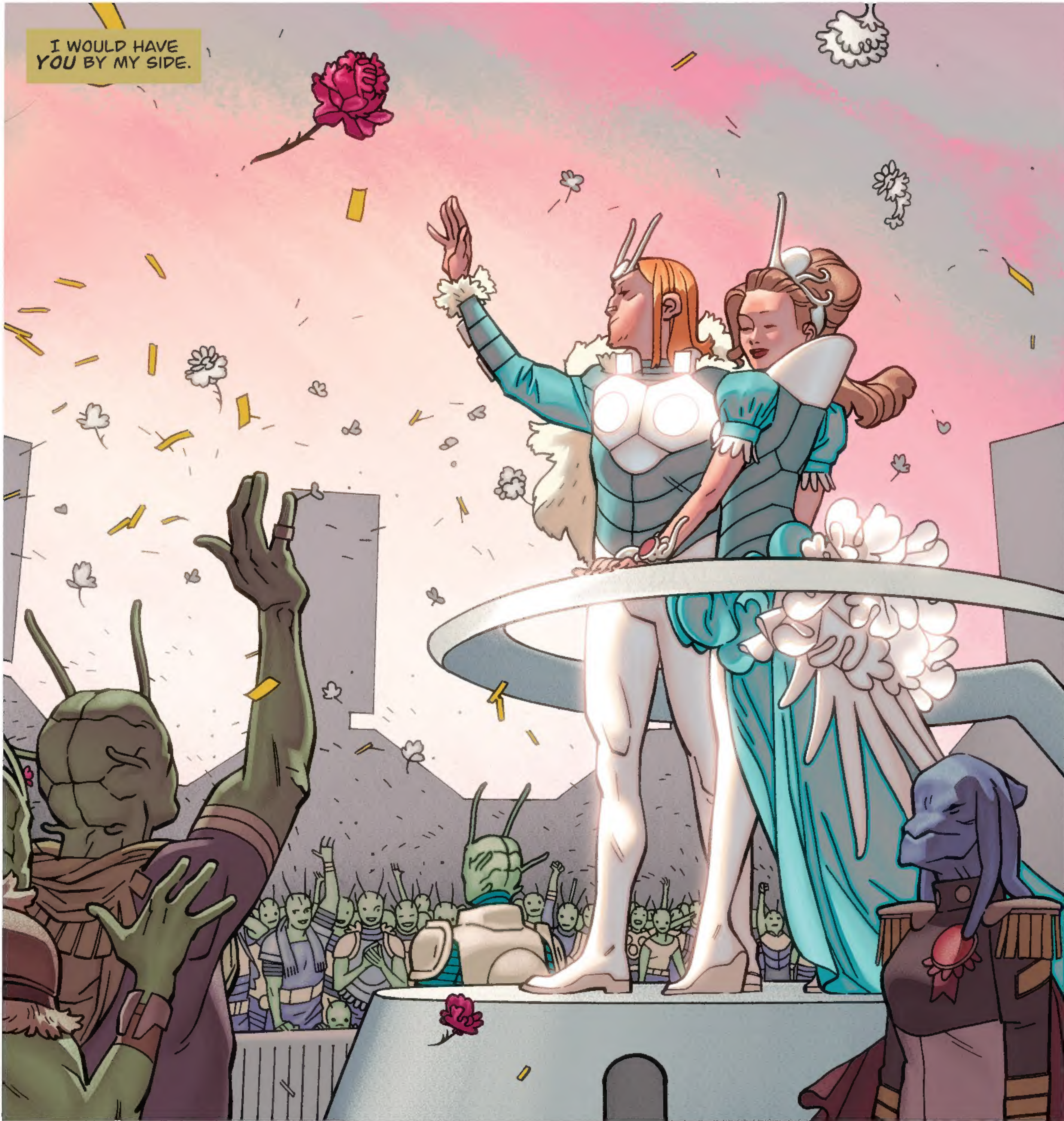


WHEN THE DECISION WAS MADE THAT I WAS THE ONE MOST FIT TO ASSUME COMMAND... TO RULE... I ACCEPTED.

BECAUSE I KNEW I COULD USE THAT POSITION TO INFLUENCE THIS WORLD EVEN FURTHER... TO NEVER RETURN TO ITS OLD WAYS... TO NEVER INVADE EARTH...

...AND ABOVE ALL ELSE, I KNEW, THAT NO MATTER WHAT...



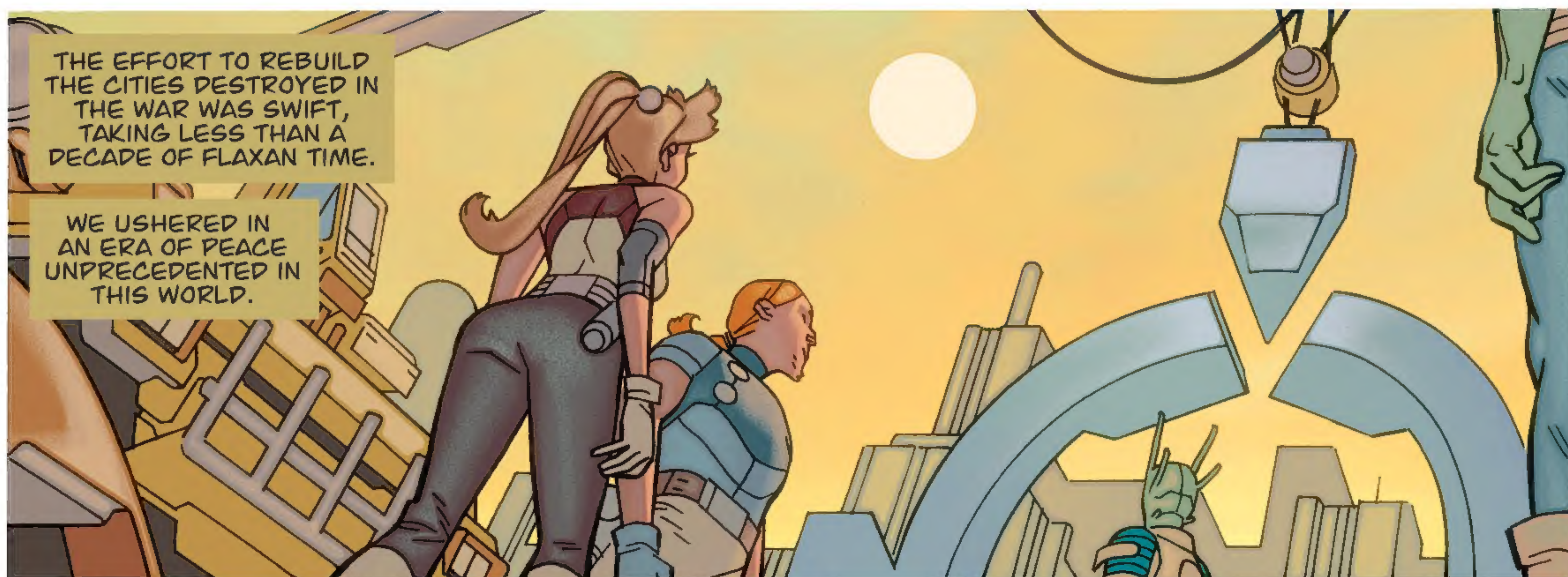






I RECALL HOW QUICKLY ALL FLAXAN PEOPLE, EVEN THE MILITARY WHO OPPOSED US, BEGAN TO RALLY BEHIND US.

THE SUPPORT WAS OVERWHELMING.

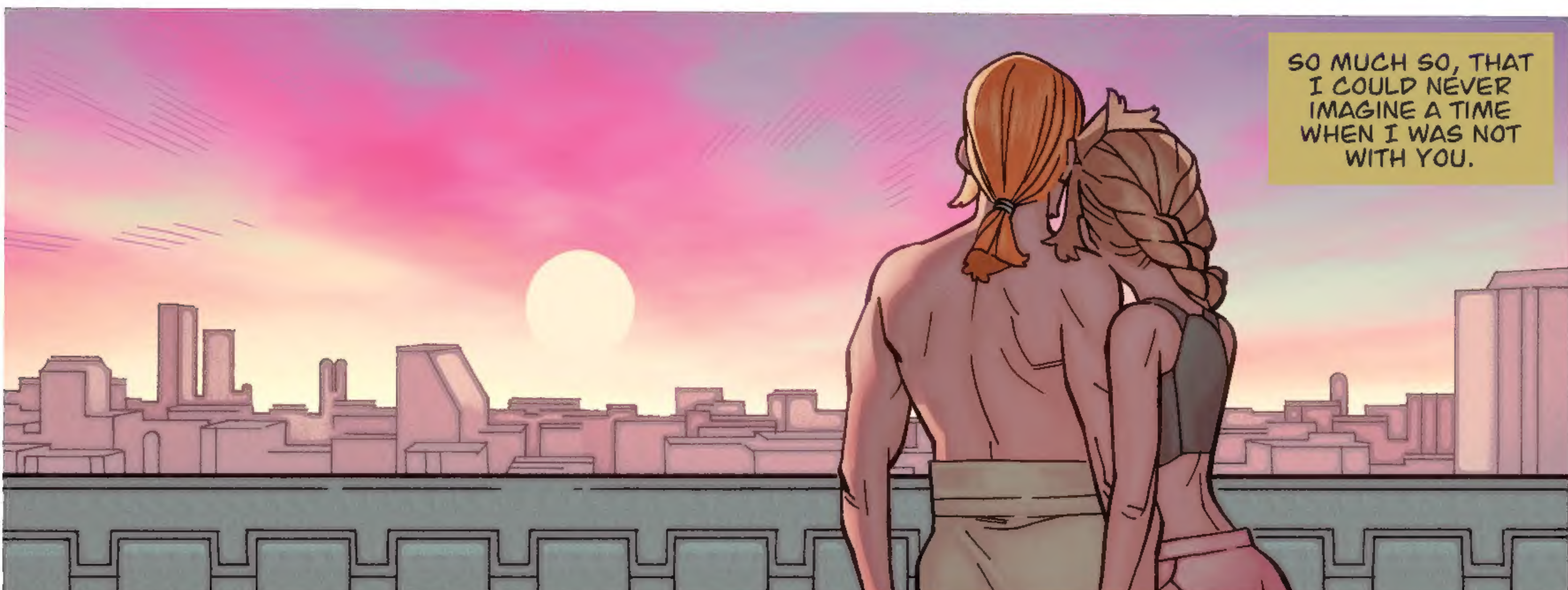


THE EFFORT TO REBUILD THE CITIES DESTROYED IN THE WAR WAS SWIFT, TAKING LESS THAN A DECADE OF FLAXAN TIME.

WE USHERED IN AN ERA OF PEACE UNPRECEDENTED IN THIS WORLD.

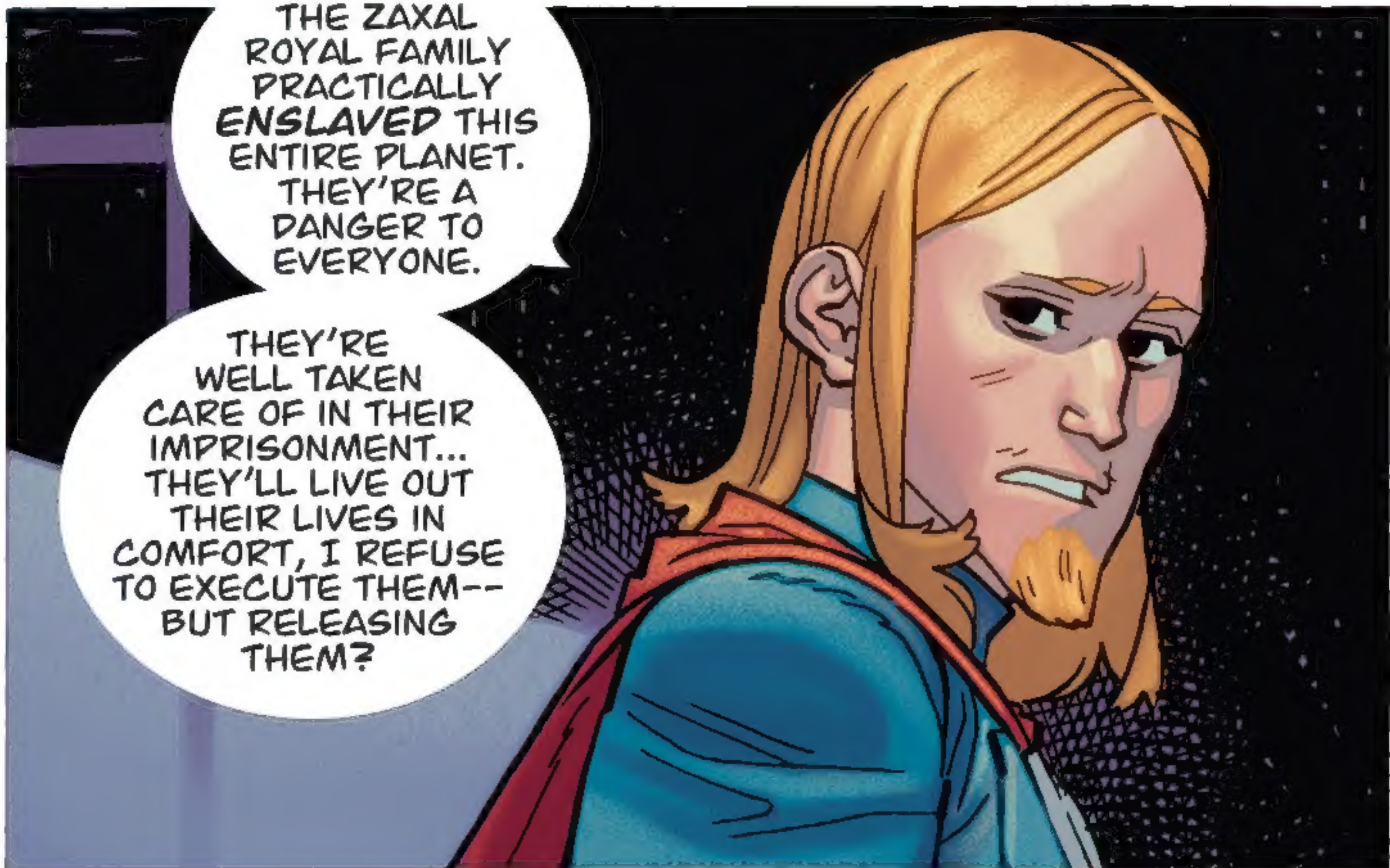
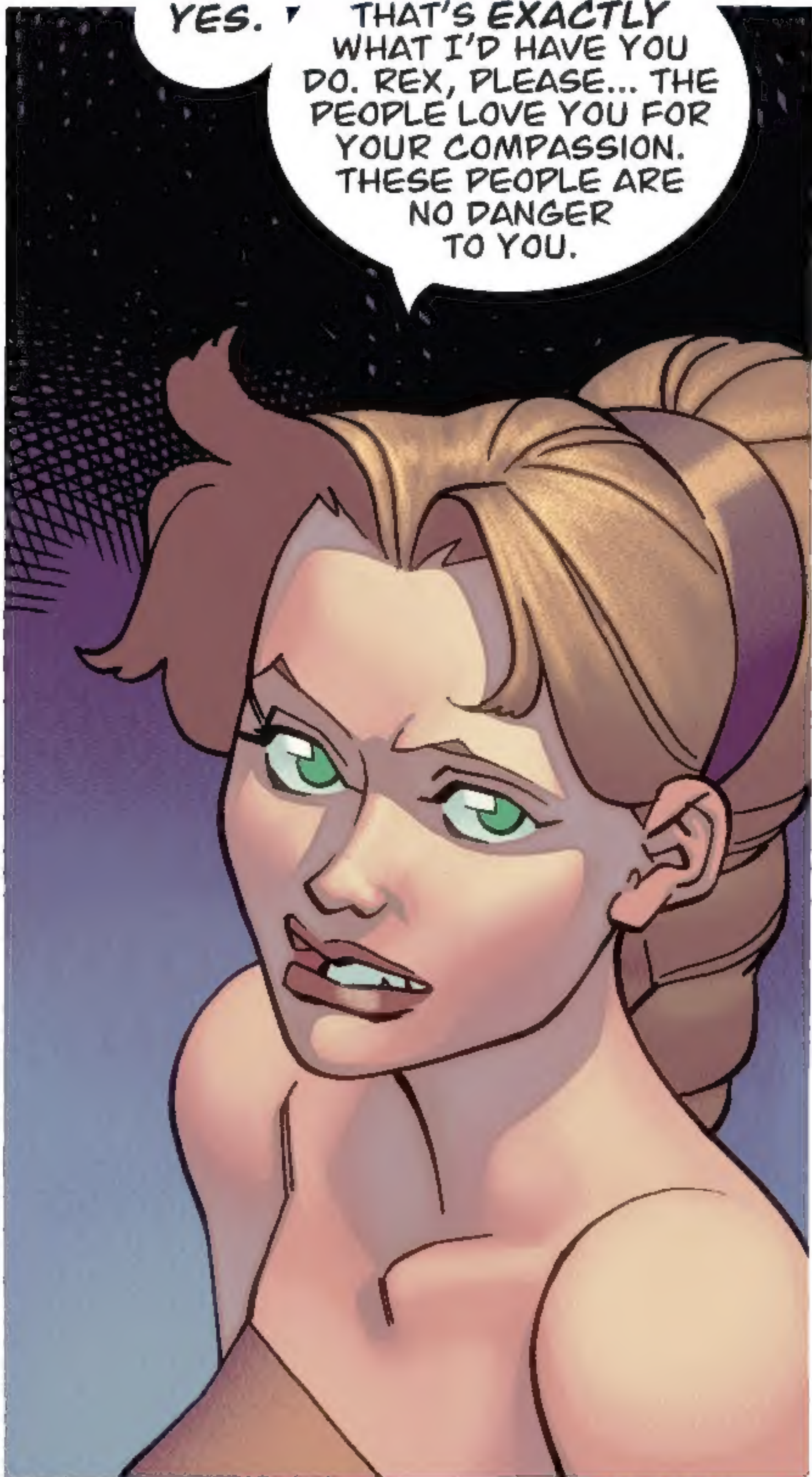
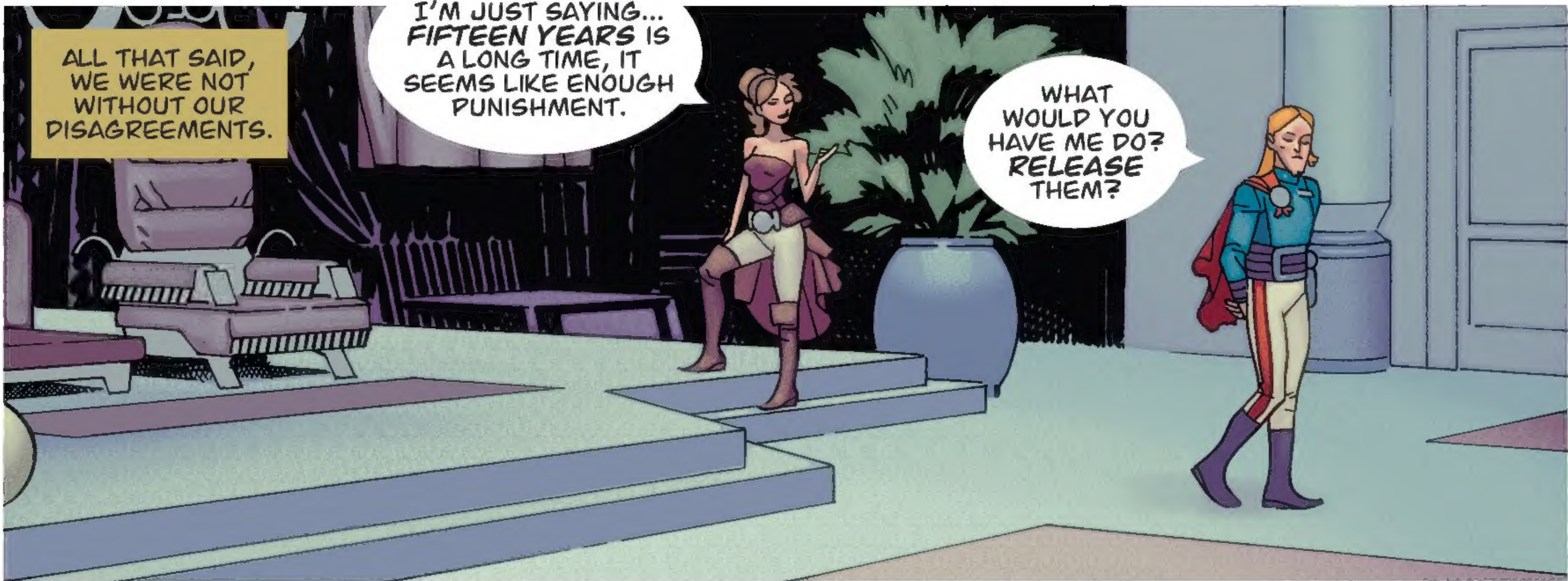


IN RETURN FOR OUR EFFORTS, I'M CONFIDENT IN SPEAKING FOR BOTH OF US WHEN I SAY WE WERE GIVEN THE BEST TIME OF OUR LIVES.

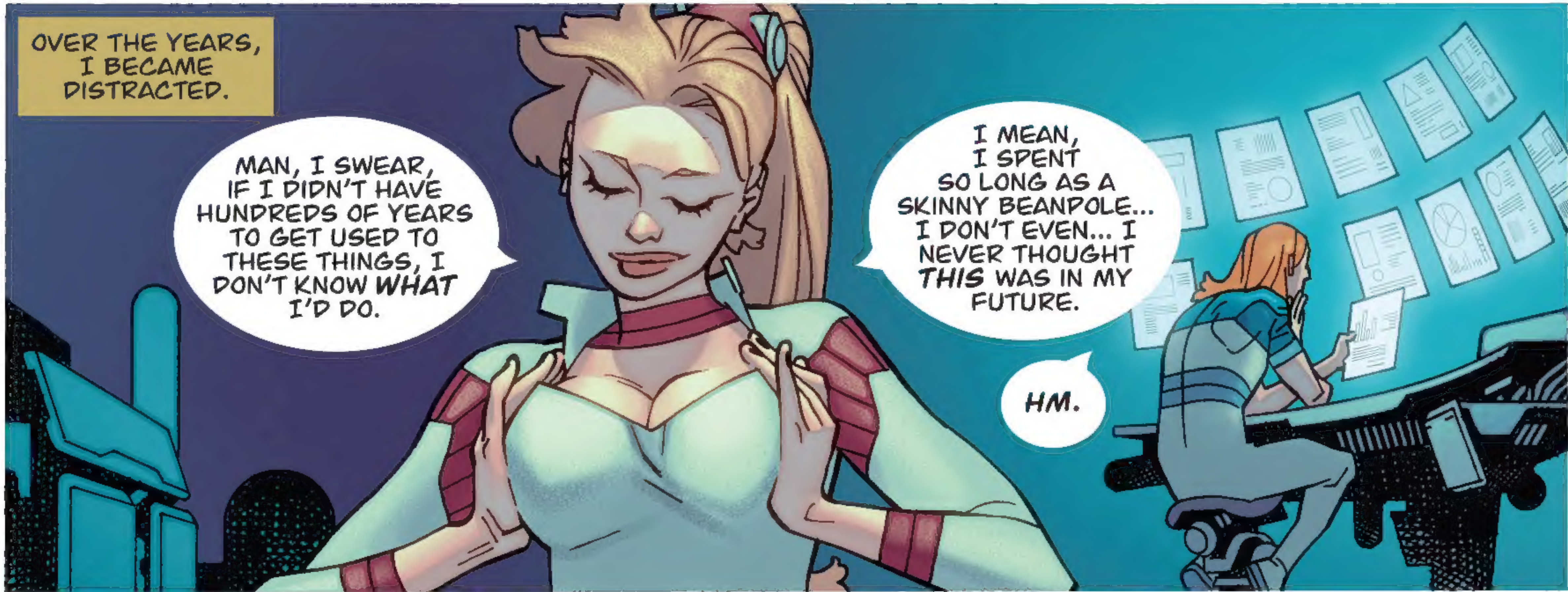


SO MUCH SO, THAT I COULD NEVER IMAGINE A TIME WHEN I WAS NOT WITH YOU.









OVER THE YEARS,  
I BECAME  
DISTRACTED.

MAN, I SWEAR,  
IF I DIDN'T HAVE  
HUNDREDS OF YEARS  
TO GET USED TO  
THESE THINGS, I  
DON'T KNOW WHAT  
I'D DO.

I MEAN,  
I SPENT  
SO LONG AS A  
SKINNY BEANPOLE...  
I DON'T EVEN... I  
NEVER THOUGHT  
THIS WAS IN MY  
FUTURE.

HM.



I MEAN... YOU HIT THE JACKPOT,  
RIGHT? FALLING IN LOVE WITH  
ME FOR MY MIND, AND  
WINNING PERSONALITY...  
AND GETTING...

...THIS.



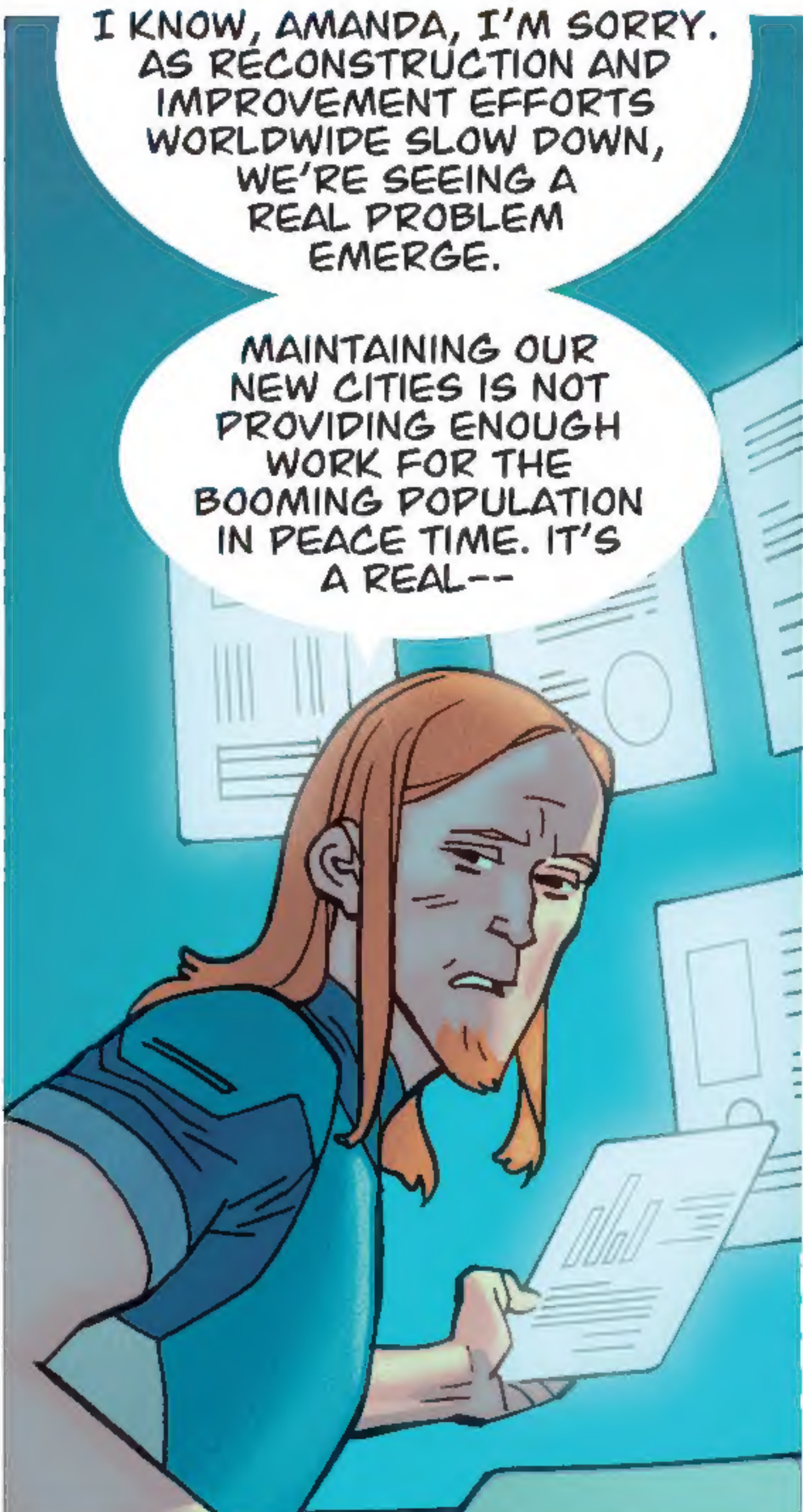
THE FINANCIAL MARKETS ARE  
STILL LARGELY DEPENDENT ON  
OFF-WORLD IMPORTS. WE  
HAVEN'T SUFFICIENTLY  
SUPPLEMENTED THE LOSS  
OF THAT IN THE ECONOMY  
IN THE LAST SIXTY  
YEARS.

MEASURES  
WILL NEED  
TO BE TAKEN  
TO PREVENT A  
SUBSTANTIAL  
ECONOMIC  
DOWNTURN...



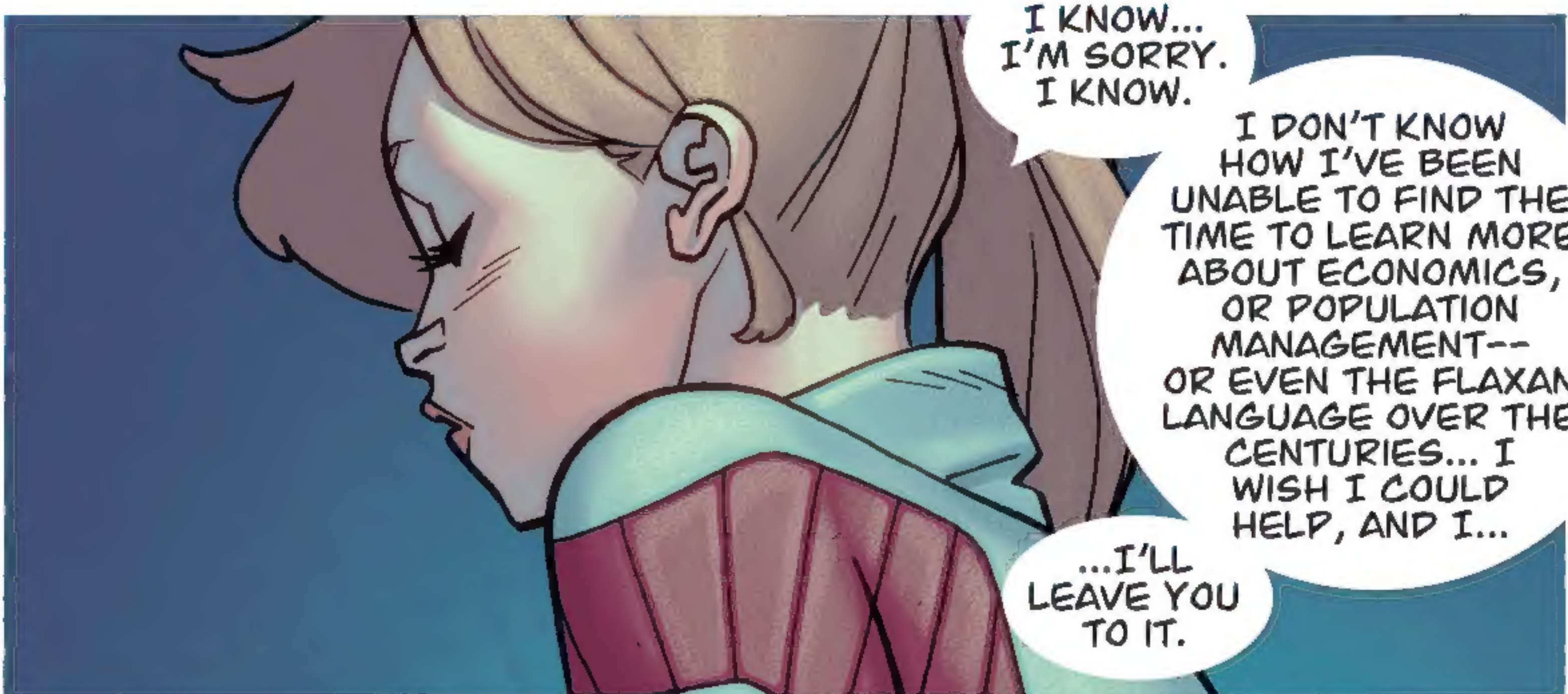
AGAIN?  
YOU'VE BEEN  
WORKING ON  
THIS FOR  
MONTHS!

REX?



I KNOW, AMANDA, I'M SORRY.  
AS RECONSTRUCTION AND  
IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS  
WORLDWIDE SLOW DOWN,  
WE'RE SEEING A  
REAL PROBLEM  
EMERGE.

MAINTAINING OUR  
NEW CITIES IS NOT  
PROVIDING ENOUGH  
WORK FOR THE  
BOOMING POPULATION  
IN PEACE TIME. IT'S  
A REAL--



I KNOW...  
I'M SORRY.  
I KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW  
HOW I'VE BEEN  
UNABLE TO FIND THE  
TIME TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT ECONOMICS,  
OR POPULATION  
MANAGEMENT--  
OR EVEN THE FLAXAN  
LANGUAGE OVER THE  
CENTURIES... I  
WISH I COULD  
HELP, AND I...

...I'LL  
LEAVE YOU  
TO IT.



THERE WAS A LOT GOING  
ON AND I THOUGHT WE  
HAD ALL THE TIME IN  
THE WORLD.

I REALIZE NOW  
I SHOULD HAVE  
MADE MORE  
TIME FOR YOU.





I WAS SO BUSY, I FAILED TO NOTICE WHEN YOU STARTED TO TURN AGAINST ME, THE MOMENT WHEN I LOST YOU.

AMANDA, WE'RE JUST--

MEETING, PLANNING, RUNNING AN ENTIRE CIVILIZATION--I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!

WHY DID YOU NEVER TELL ME ABOUT THE ZAXAL WORK CLASSIFICATION ACT?! I KNOW, I DON'T KNOW THE LANGUAGE, I'VE TRIED TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE... BUT THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO KEEP THINGS FROM ME!

DESCENDANTS OF THE ZAXAL ROYAL FAMILY AND THEIR ALLIES ARE RESTRICTED ACCESS TO CITY CENTERS?! HOW IS THAT REMOTELY HUMANE?!

DO YOU KNOW THEY WORK IN THE MINES OF THE WASTELAND TO EARN A LIVING WAGE? THEIR CHILDREN GROW UP IN TENT CITIES! HOW HAVE YOU ALLOWED THIS TO GO ON?!



(PLEASE EXCUSE ME.)

WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD IS AN EXAGGERATION.



THEY'RE KEPT FROM THE GENERAL POPULATION FOR **SECURITY** REASONS. YOU REMEMBER THE YEARS AFTER THE WAR--HOW MANY ZAXALS WERE EXECUTED IN THE STREETS.

I COULD THINK OF NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE, IT'S FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS ARE ADEQUATE. THE WASTELAND HAS CHANGED A GREAT DEAL OVER THE LAST FEW DECADES, DUE IN LARGE PART TO THEIR SETTLEMENT OF THE AREA.



WHY HAVEN'T WE BEEN COMBATING THIS WITH EDUCATION AND BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY?

WHEN DID YOU **GIVE UP** ON INTEGRATING THEM INTO SOCIETY?!



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE--WHAT'S AT STAKE? THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD PREFER THINGS TO BE AS THEY WERE UNDER THE ZAXALS.

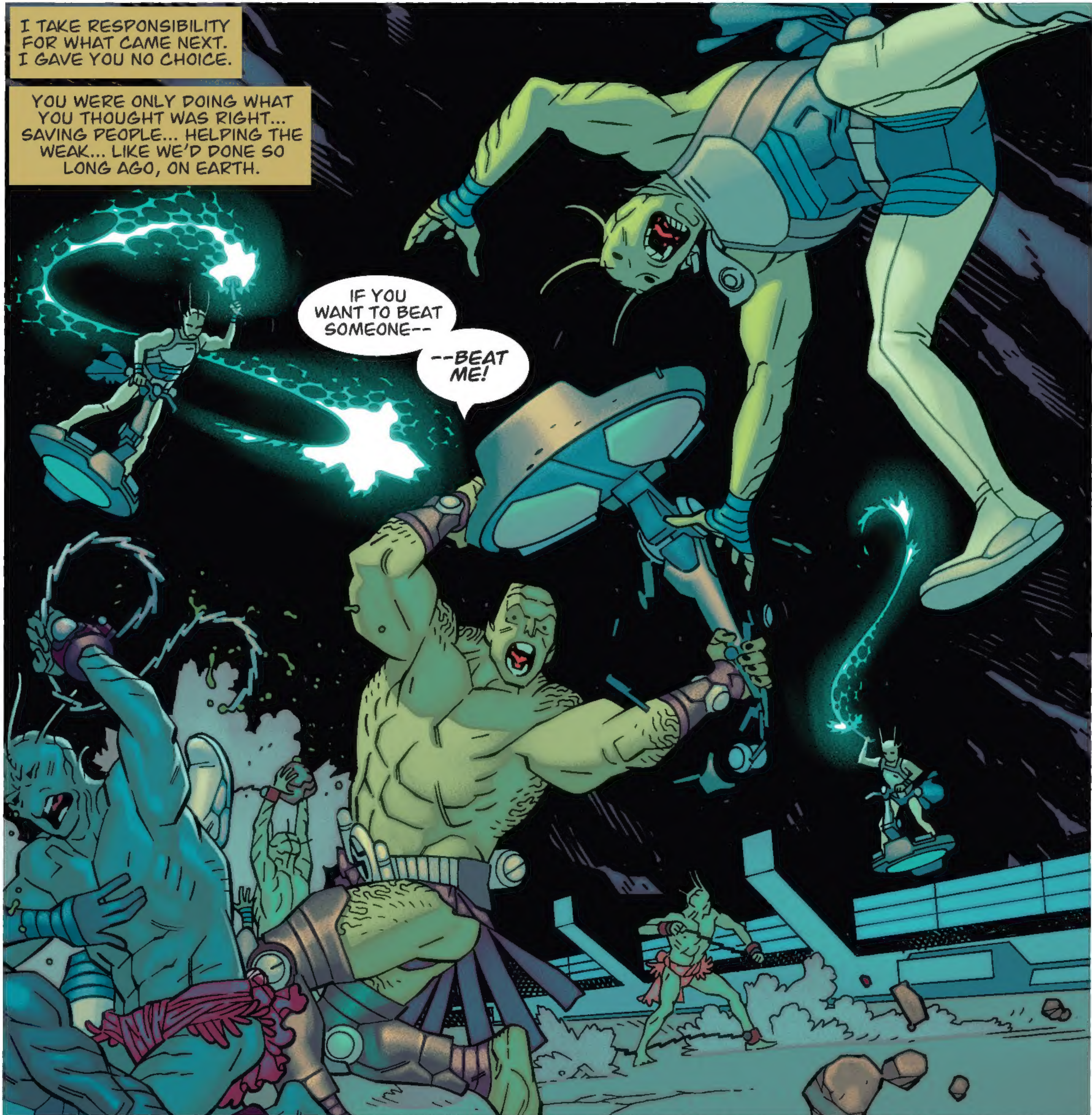
I HAVE TO OPPOSE RADICAL POLITICAL FACTIONS EVERY ELECTION--SOME HAVE EVEN PROPOSED A RETURN OF SLAVERY.

THEY'RE THE GRANDCHILDREN OF OUR ENEMY AT THIS POINT... BUT THEY'RE STILL DANGEROUS.



I PUSHED YOU AWAY WHEN I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT YOU IN, EXPLAINED THINGS BETTER... SHOWN YOU WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT.



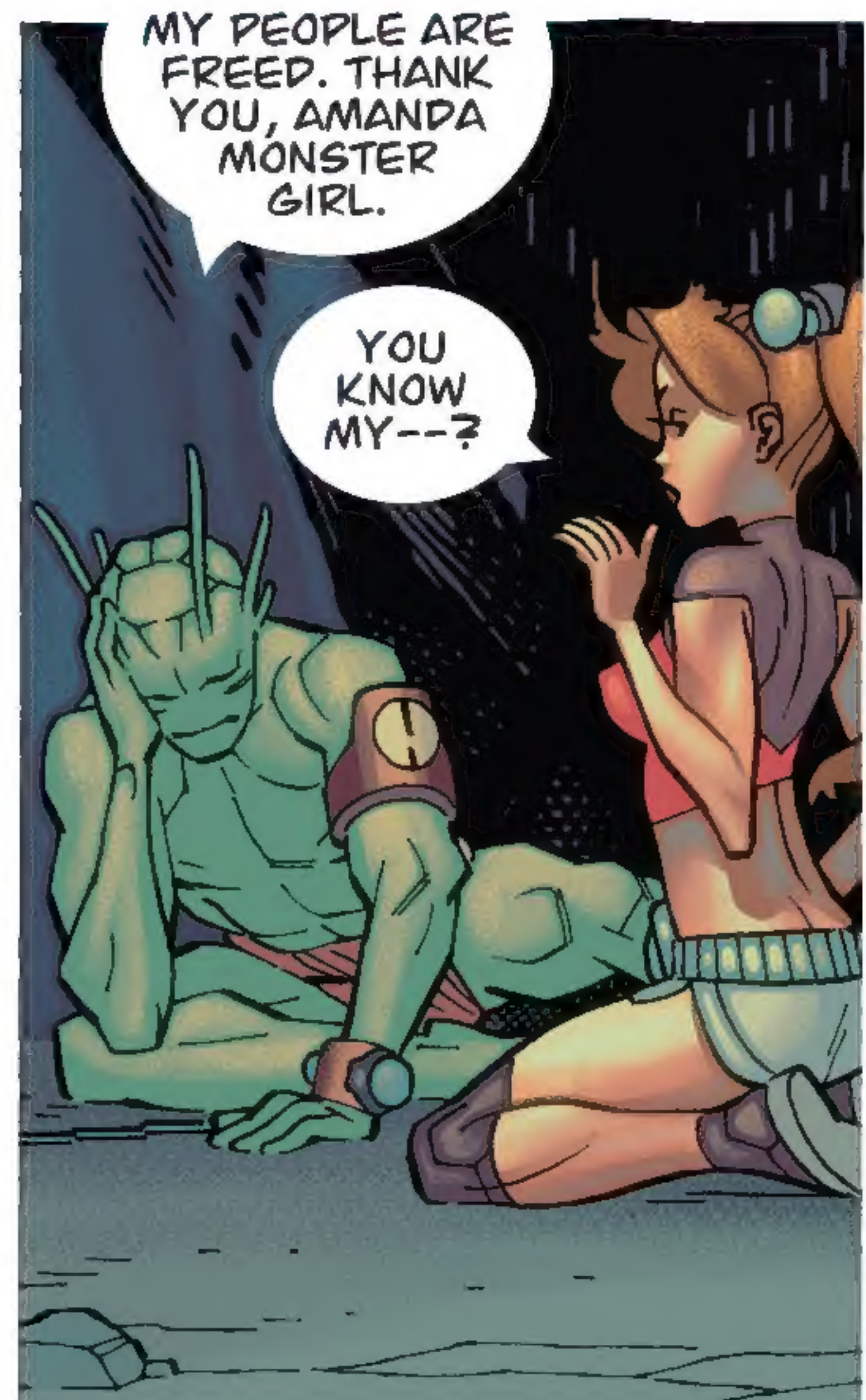


I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR WHAT CAME NEXT.  
I GAVE YOU NO CHOICE.

YOU WERE ONLY DOING WHAT  
YOU THOUGHT WAS RIGHT...  
SAVING PEOPLE... HELPING THE  
WEAK... LIKE WE'D DONE SO  
LONG AGO, ON EARTH.

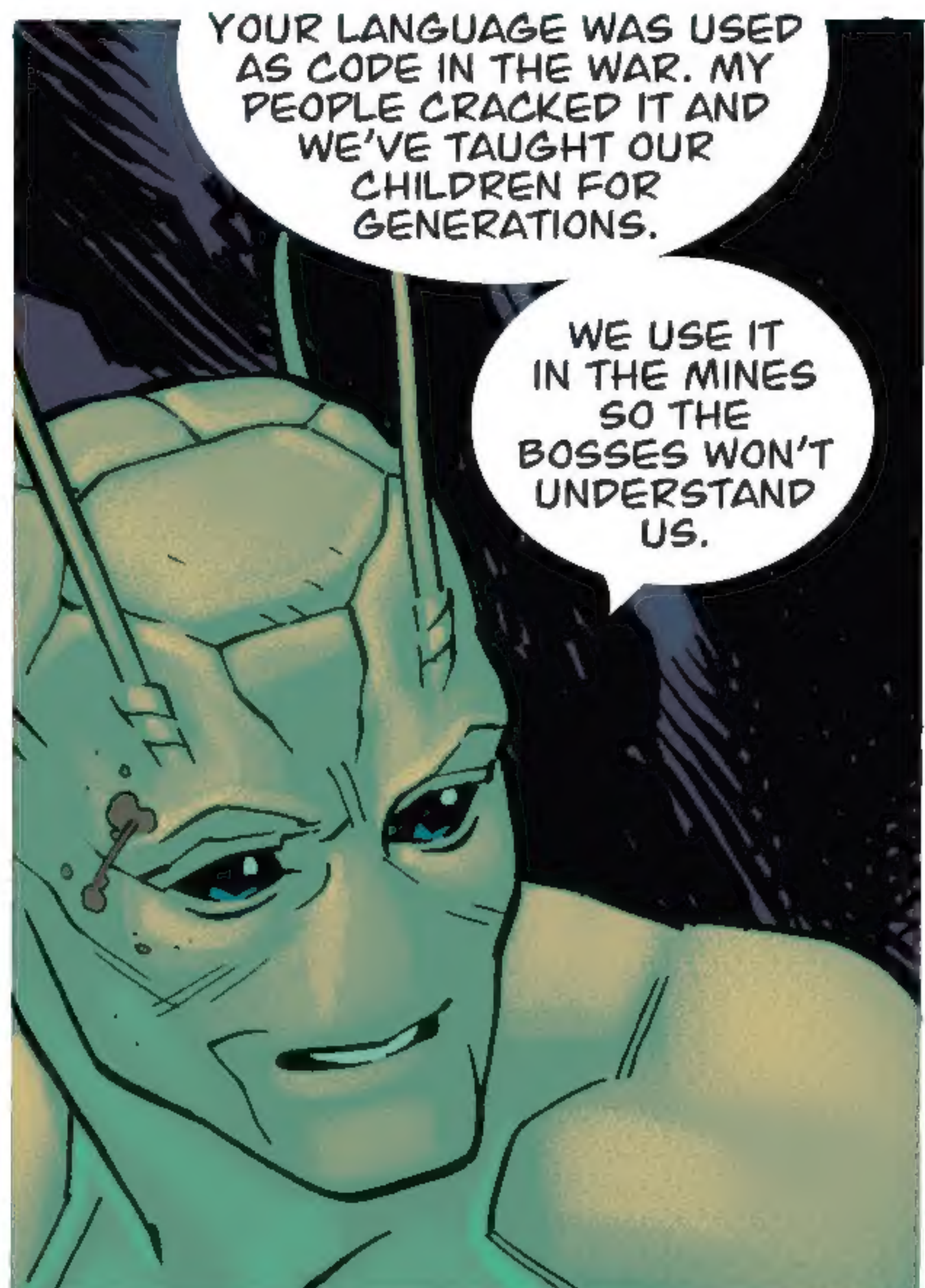
IF YOU  
WANT TO BEAT  
SOMEONE--

--BEAT  
ME!



MY PEOPLE ARE  
FREED. THANK  
YOU, AMANDA  
MONSTER  
GIRL.

YOU  
KNOW  
MY--?



YOUR LANGUAGE WAS USED  
AS CODE IN THE WAR. MY  
PEOPLE CRACKED IT AND  
WE'VE TAUGHT OUR  
CHILDREN FOR  
GENERATIONS.

WE USE IT  
IN THE MINES  
SO THE  
BOSSES WON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
US.



WELL, YOU  
WON'T HAVE  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT THAT  
ANYMORE.

I  
PROMISE.



YOU MADE THEM SECOND CLASS CITIZENS, REX! PEOPLE ARE PUNISHED FOR GIVING THEM WORK-- THEY CAN'T FEED THEIR YOUNG!

THE MINES WERE THEIR ONLY MEANS OF SUPPORTING THEMSELVES-- AND THE BOSSES **KNEW** THAT. THEY WERE ESSENTIALLY **SLAVES!**

YOU DON'T EVEN **REALIZE** WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

I **REALIZE** EXACTLY WHAT I'VE DONE.

I WAS **HELPING** PEOPLE. REMEMBER THAT--DOING THE RIGHT THING?

YOU **UNDERMINED** MY **AUTHORITY!**

DO YOU NOT SEE WHAT A DELICATE HOLD I HAVE ON THESE PEOPLE?! ALL OF THIS COULD COME CRASHING DOWN AROUND US AT ANY MINUTE!

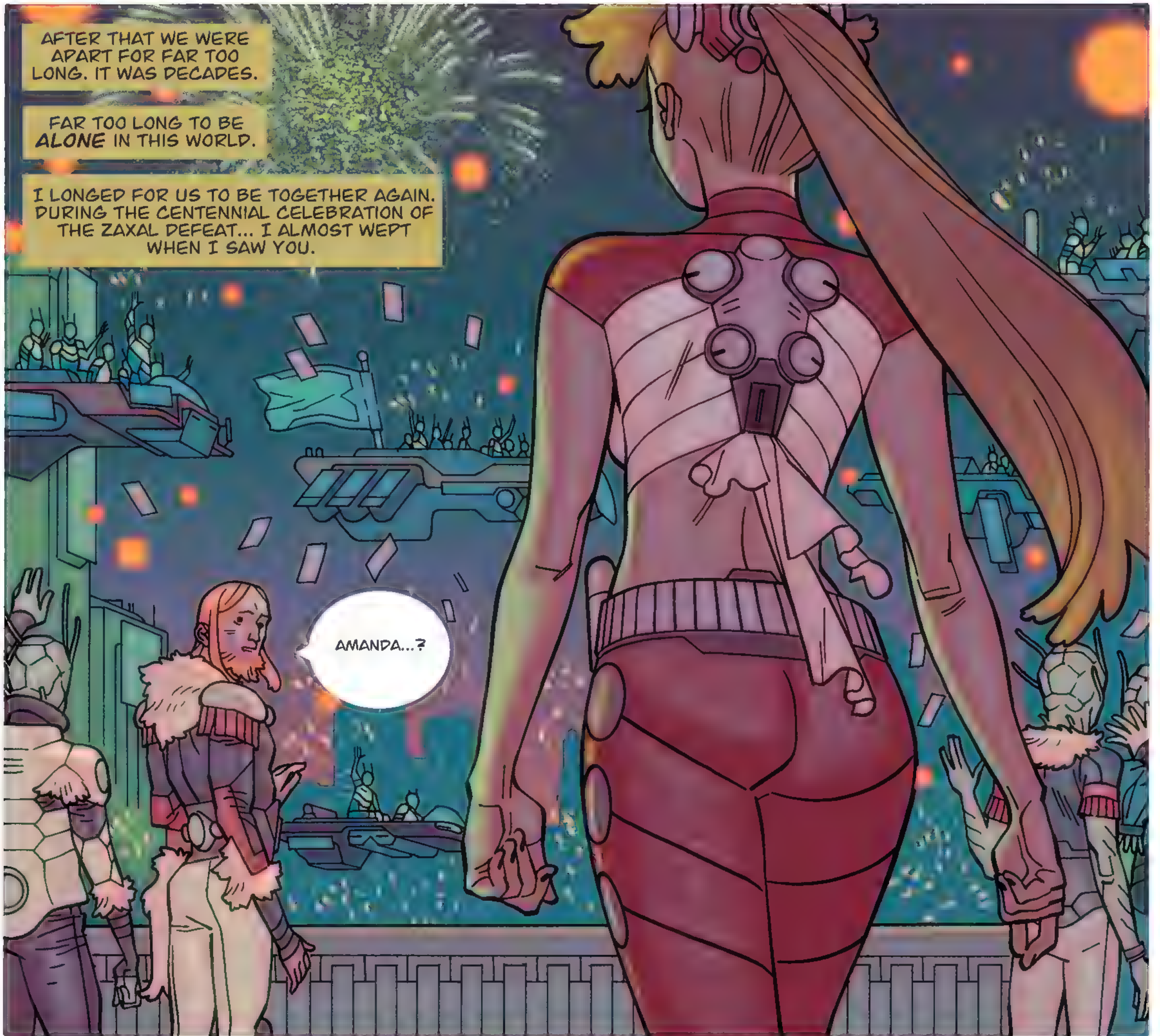
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO HOLD IT ALL TOGETHER! **MINE!** THAT WEIGHT RESTS ON MY SHOULDERS.

AND YOU ACTUALLY THINK YOU WERE **HELPING?!!**

GET OUT OF MY SIGHT.

I AM SORRY THAT IT HAS TAKEN ME THIS LONG TO ADMIT THAT I WAS WRONG THAT DAY.





AFTER THAT WE WERE  
APART FOR FAR TOO  
LONG. IT WAS DECADES.

FAR TOO LONG TO BE  
ALONE IN THIS WORLD.

I LONGED FOR US TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN.  
DURING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF  
THE ZAXAL DEFEAT... I ALMOST WEPT  
WHEN I SAW YOU.

AMANDA...?



IT HAD BEEN SO LONG,  
AND I COULD SEE YOU  
MISSED ME AS MUCH  
AS I HAD YOU...

I THOUGHT WE'D  
PUT IT ALL BEHIND US.

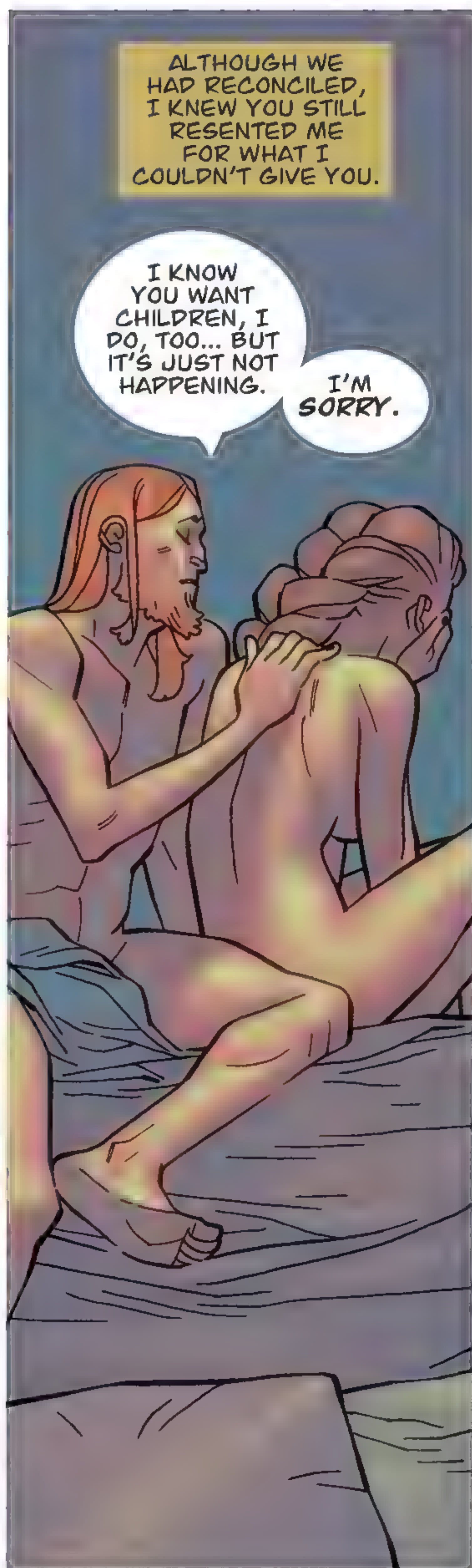






DURING YOUR TIME AWAY, I NEVER KNEW WHERE YOU'D GONE--BUT NOW, IT'S CLEAR TO ME, YOU WERE WITH THE ZAXAL REFUGEES.

THEY'RE JUST **ADORABLE**. YOUR FATHER WOULD BE SO PROUD.



ALTHOUGH WE HAD RECONCILED, I KNEW YOU STILL RESENTED ME FOR WHAT I COULDN'T GIVE YOU.

I KNOW YOU WANT CHILDREN, I DO, TOO... BUT IT'S JUST NOT HAPPENING.

I'M SORRY.



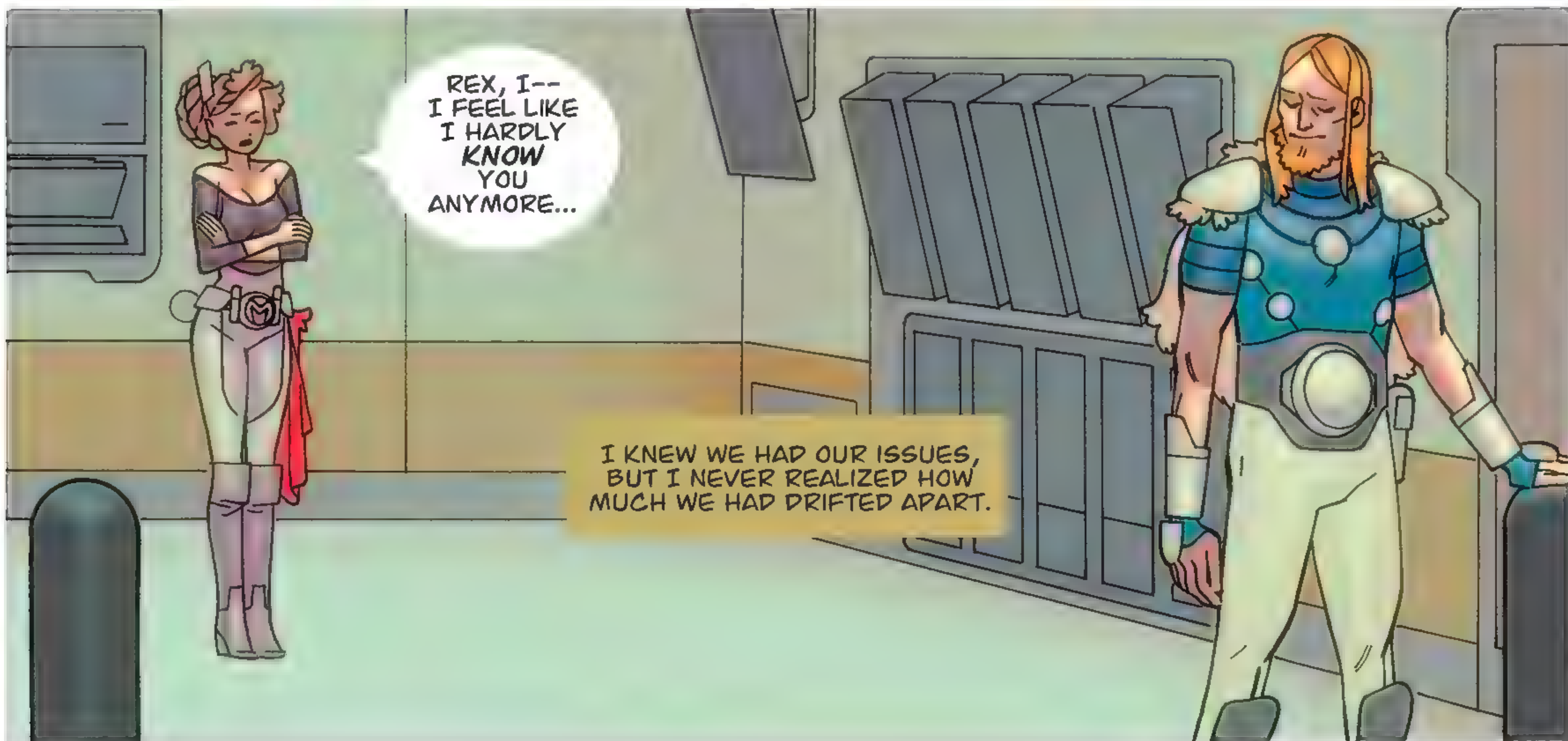
I'M WILLING TO ADMIT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN OTHER THINGS THAT DROVE A WEDGE BETWEEN US.

DON'T BE SO **NAIVE!** THAT WOULD NEVER WORK! IT WILL ONLY LEAD TO **MORE** PROBLEMS!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO QUESTION ME?!

BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE **STARVING** AND **DYING** OUT THERE! BECAUSE YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS ISN'T WORKING! THERE'S PEACE, YES--BUT OUR RESOURCES ARE LOW AND YOU DON'T SEEM TO **CARE!**

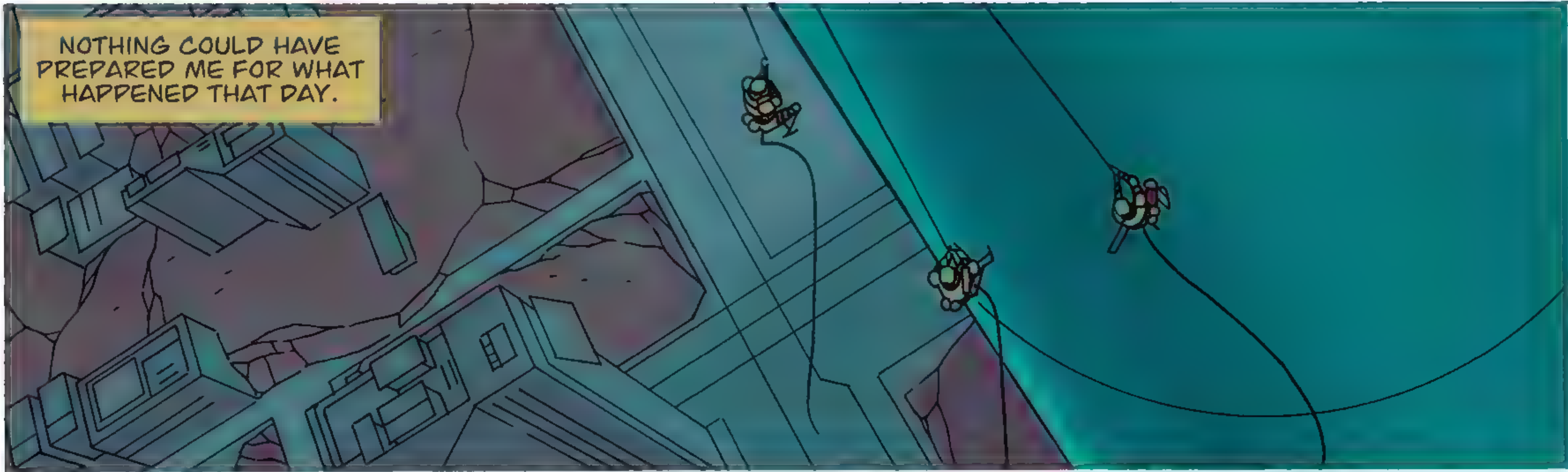
THE ZAXAL ROYAL FAMILY WENT ABOUT THINGS THE WRONG WAY, BUT THEY KNEW WE NEEDED RESOURCES FROM OTHER WORLDS TO SUSTAIN THIS POPULATION! WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO WAR FOR IT--BUT THOSE PORTALS NEED TO BE USED! YOU ARE **LOSING** THE PEOPLE.



REX, I-- I FEEL LIKE I HARDLY **KNOW** YOU ANYMORE...

I KNEW WE HAD OUR ISSUES, BUT I NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH WE HAD DRIFTED APART.





NOTHING COULD HAVE PREPARED ME FOR WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY.



WE ARE ZULL AND ZALL, TWIN HEIRS TO THE ZAXAL EMPIRE! YOU HAVE BROUGHT A BLIGHT UPON ALL PEOPLE OF THE FLAXAN WORLD, REX ROBOT!

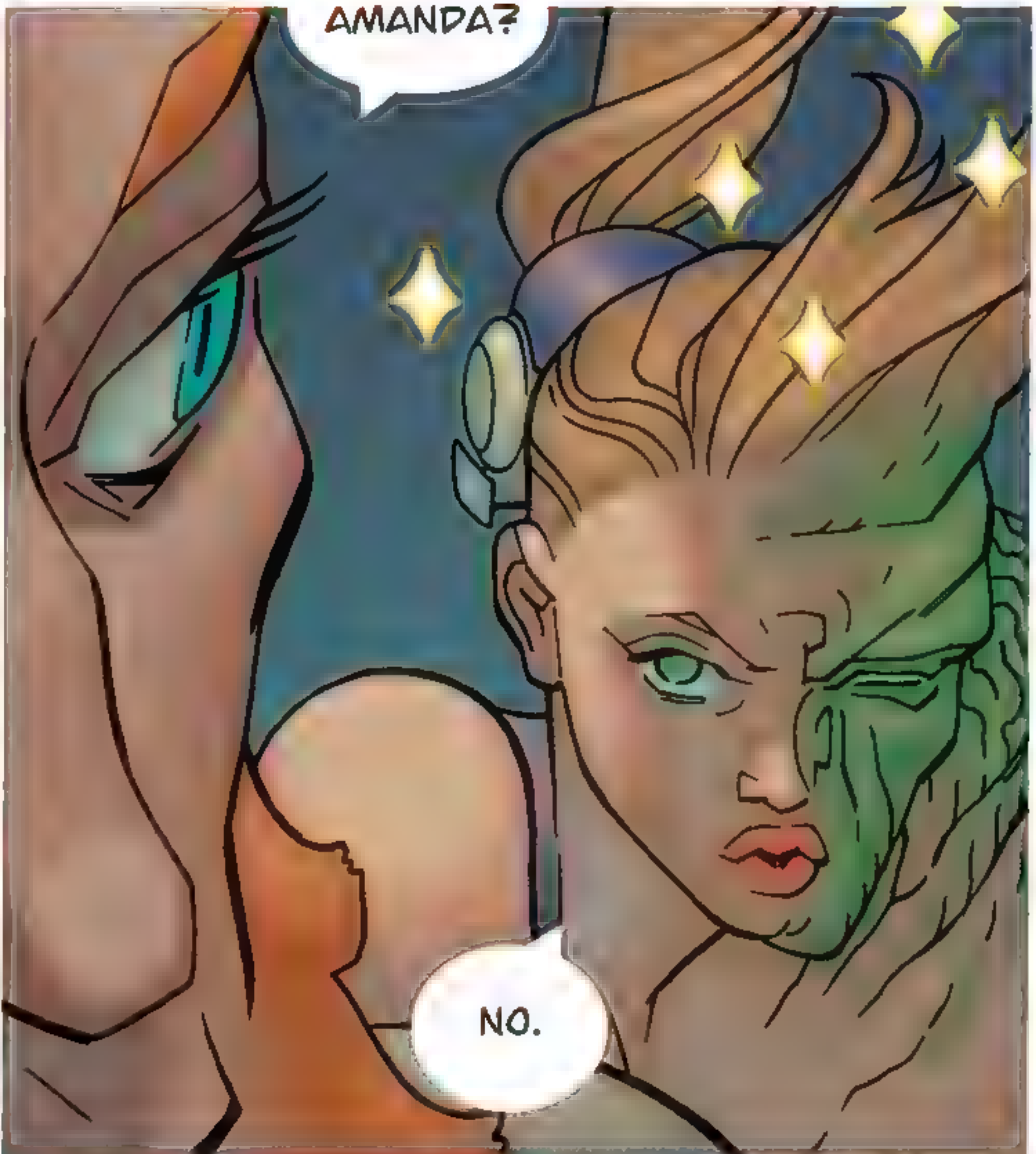
AND FOR THIS YOU MUST BE PUNISHED-- AND YOUR REIGN BROUGHT TO AN END!



I COMMAND LEGIONS OF SOLDIERS--I HAVE THE PEOPLE ON MY SIDE! YOU WERE FOOLISH TO EVEN ATTEMPT THIS!

**DEATH TO ALL ZAXALS!**

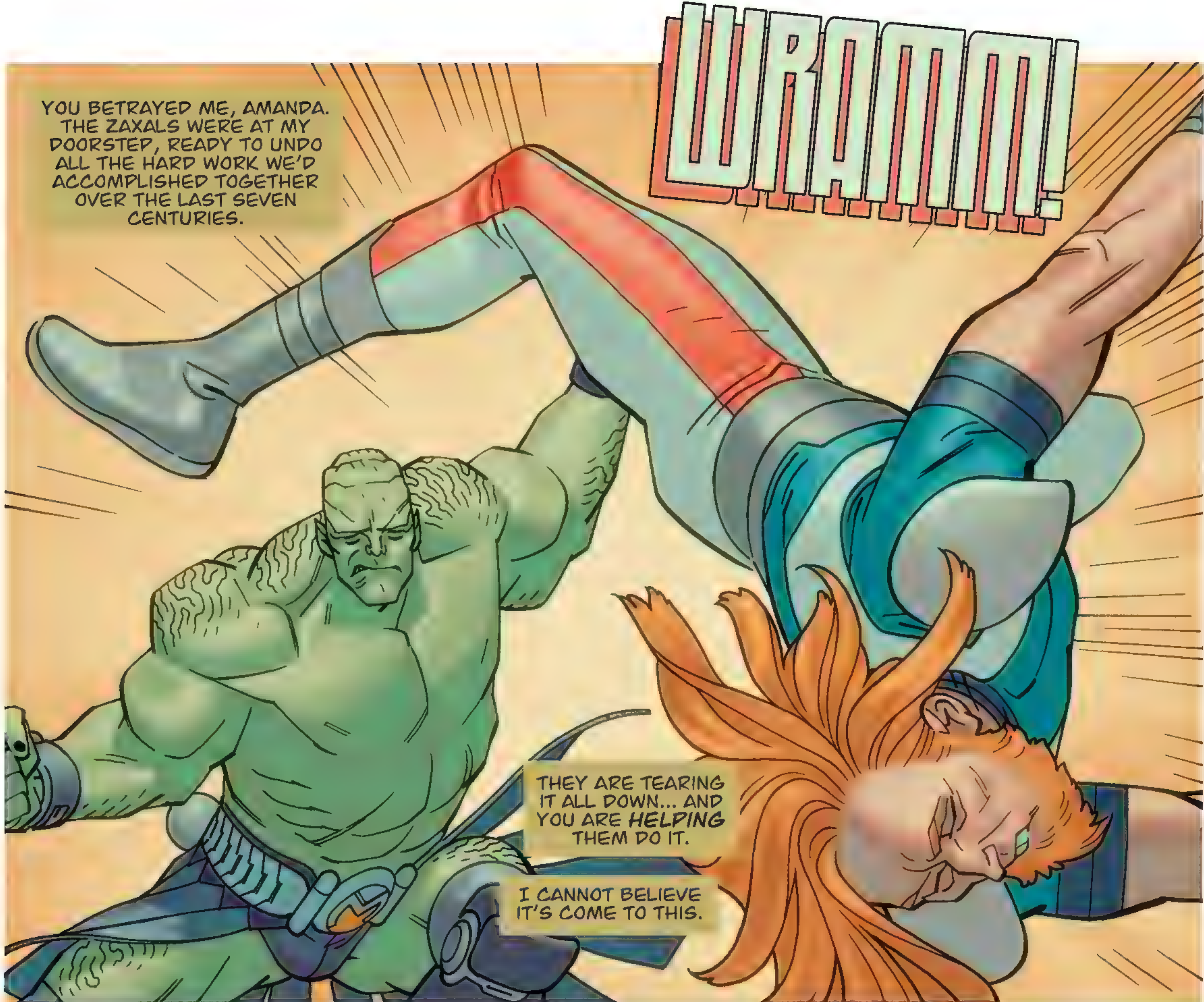
MONSTER GIRL--GET THEM!



AMANDA?

NO.





YOU BETRAYED ME, AMANDA.  
THE ZAXALS WERE AT MY  
DOORSTEP, READY TO UNDO  
ALL THE HARD WORK WE'D  
ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER  
OVER THE LAST SEVEN  
CENTURIES.

WROOOOM!

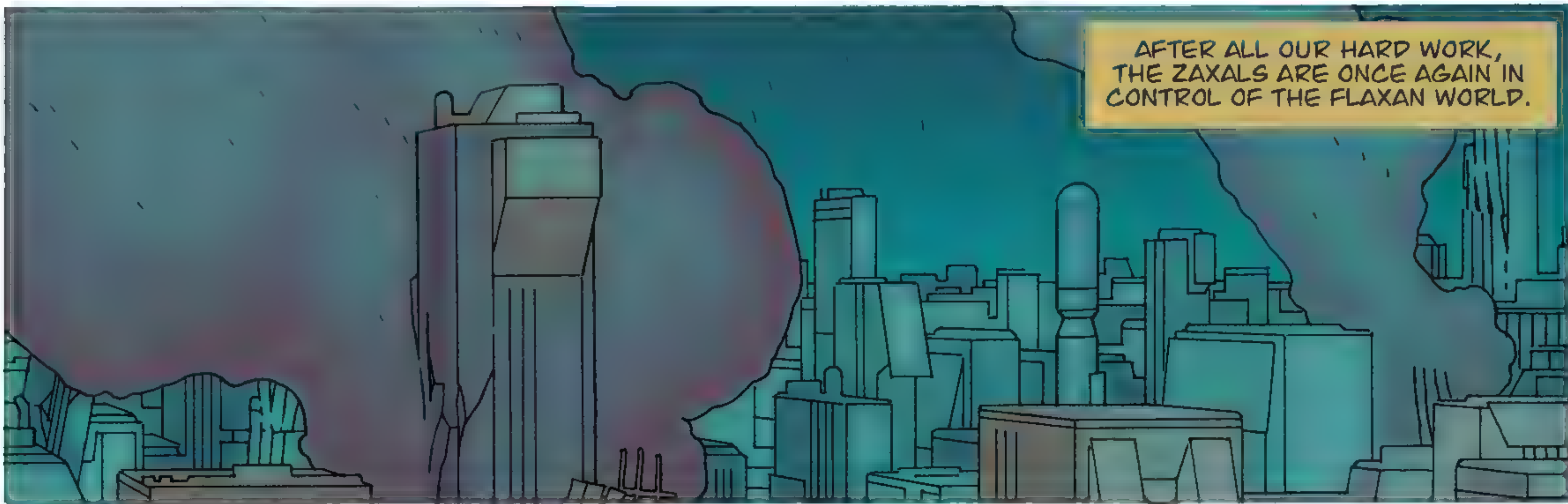
THEY ARE TEARING  
IT ALL DOWN... AND  
YOU ARE HELPING  
THEM DO IT.

I CANNOT BELIEVE  
IT'S COME TO THIS.



MONSTER  
GIRL! I KNEW  
YOU WOULD  
STAND WITH  
US!

REX IS  
NOT TO BE  
KILLED! NONE  
OF THEM  
ARE TO BE  
KILLED!

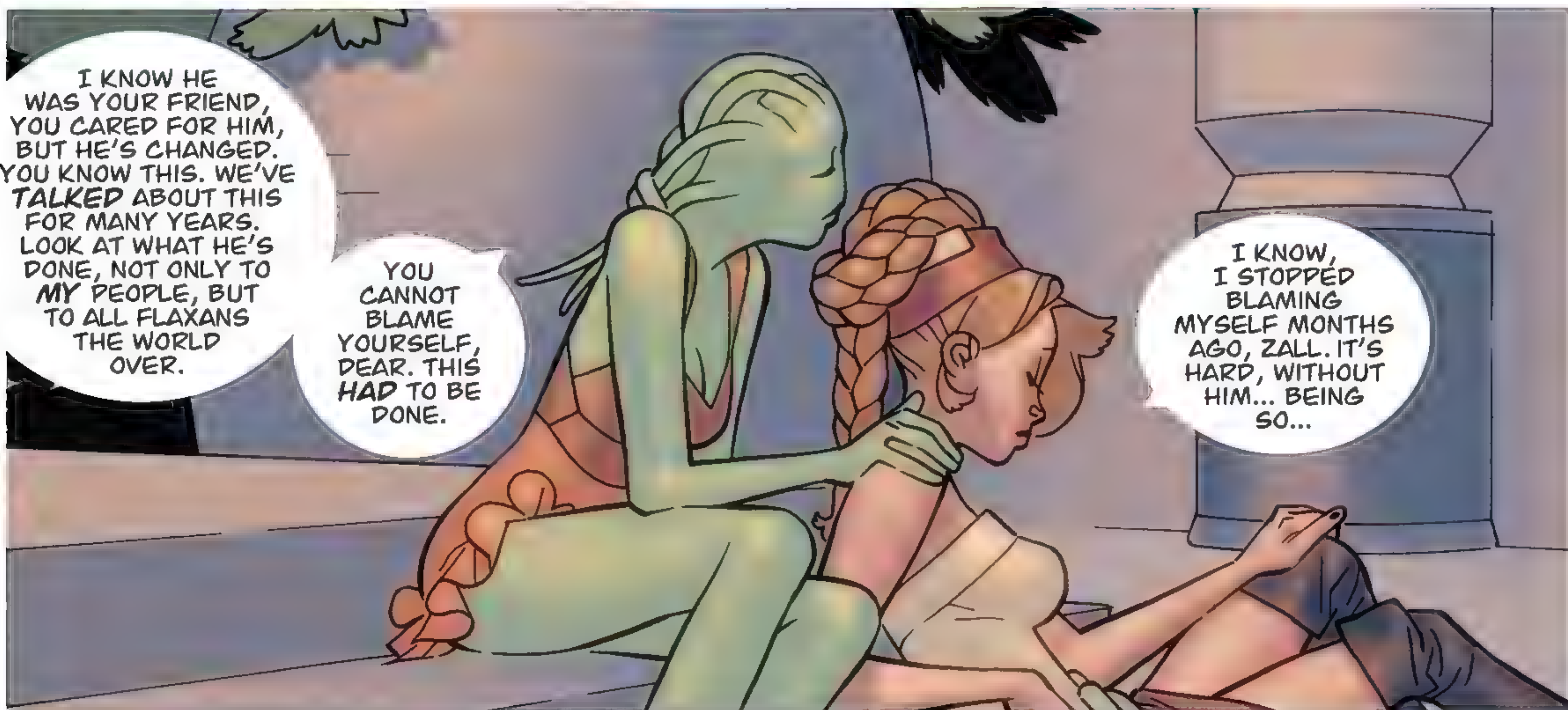


AFTER ALL OUR HARD WORK,  
THE ZAXALS ARE ONCE AGAIN IN  
CONTROL OF THE FLAXAN WORLD.





AMANDA, YOU RUINED EVERYTHING.



I KNOW HE WAS YOUR FRIEND, YOU CARED FOR HIM, BUT HE'S CHANGED. YOU KNOW THIS. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS FOR MANY YEARS. LOOK AT WHAT HE'S DONE, NOT ONLY TO MY PEOPLE, BUT TO ALL FLAXANS THE WORLD OVER.

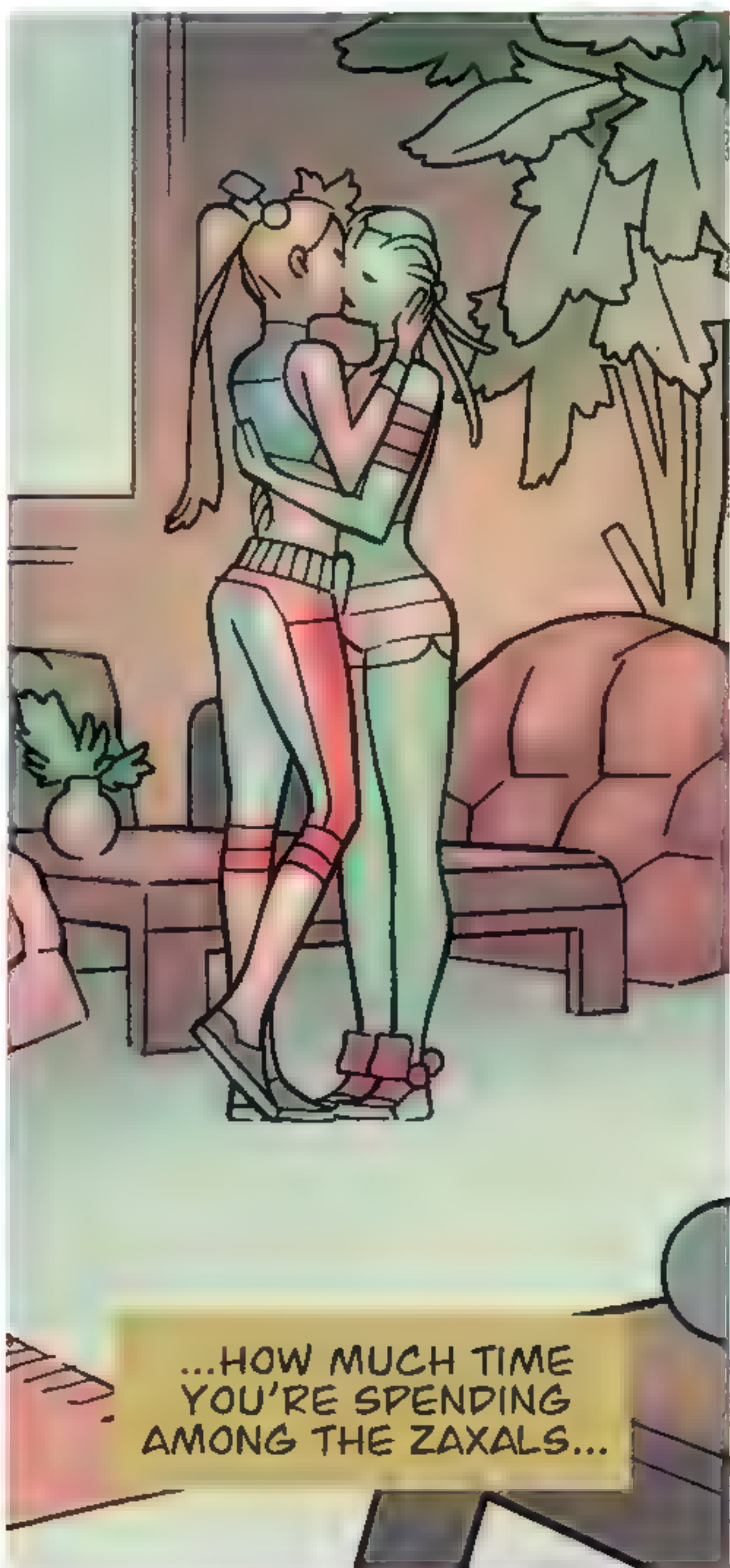
YOU CANNOT BLAME YOURSELF, DEAR. THIS HAD TO BE DONE.

I KNOW, I STOPPED BLAMING MYSELF MONTHS AGO, ZALL. IT'S HARD, WITHOUT HIM... BEING SO...



...ALONE.

SOMETIMES I THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE I WAS USURPED...

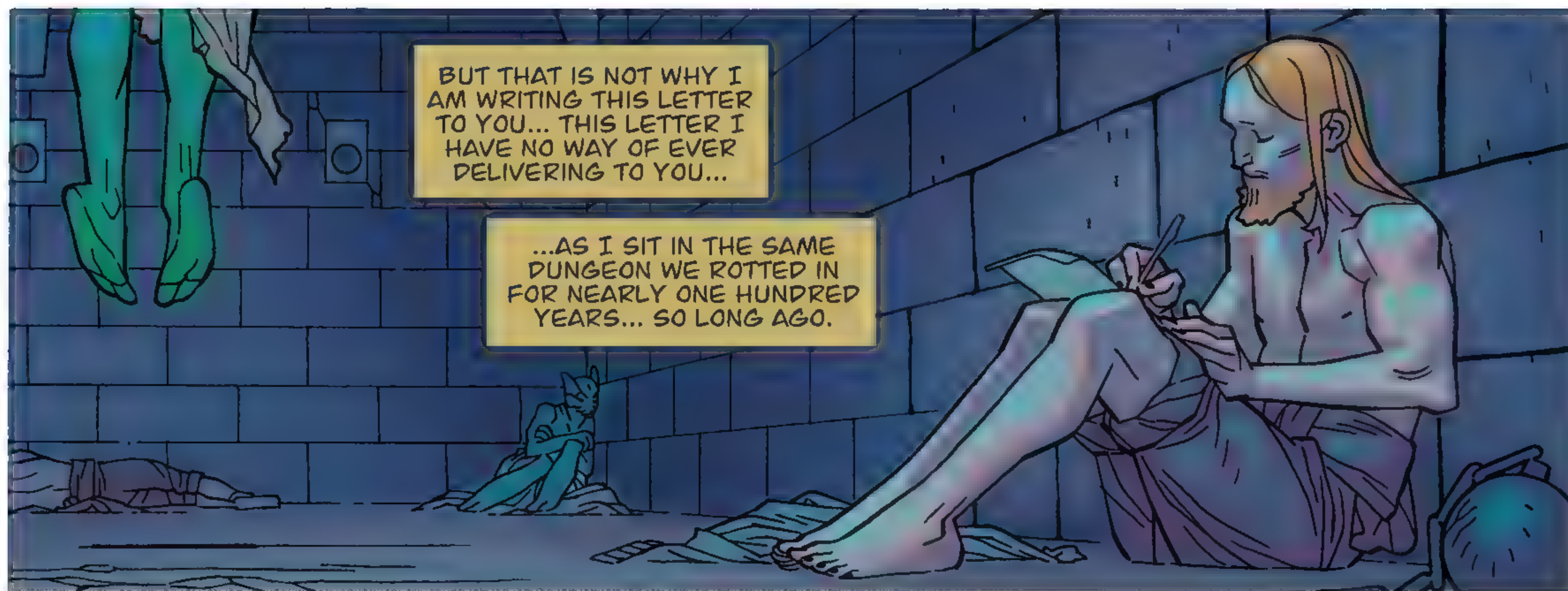


...HOW MUCH TIME YOU'RE SPENDING AMONG THE ZAXALS...



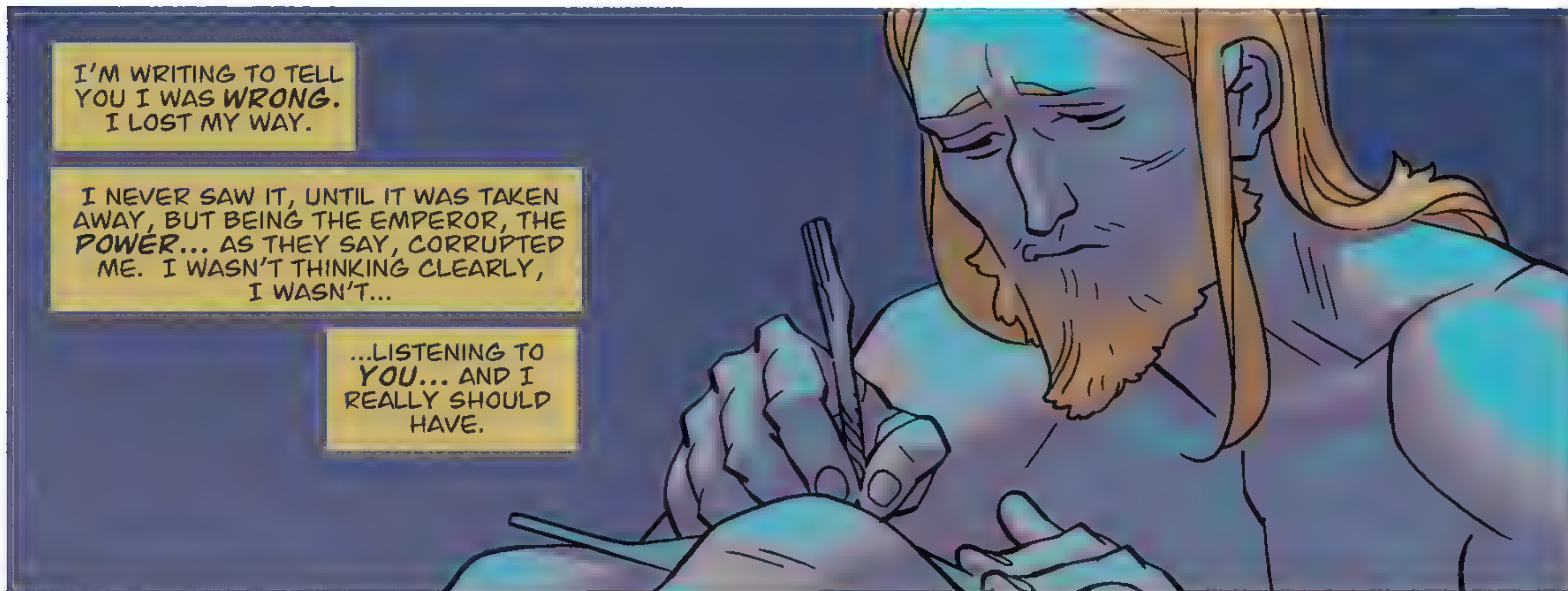
HOW CLOSE YOU MUST BE GROWING TO THEM.





BUT THAT IS NOT WHY I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU... THIS LETTER I HAVE NO WAY OF EVER DELIVERING TO YOU...

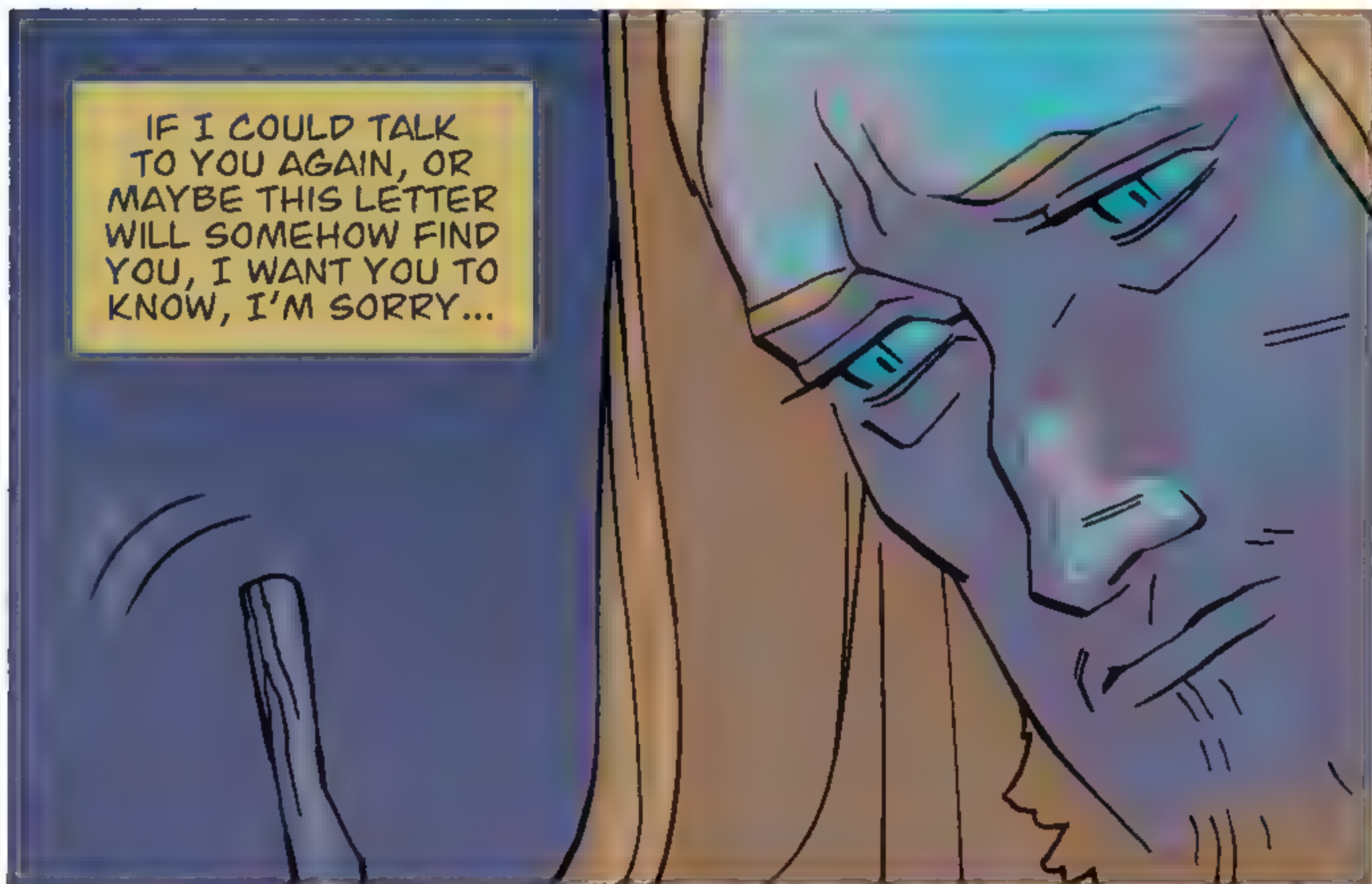
...AS I SIT IN THE SAME DUNGEON WE ROTTED IN FOR NEARLY ONE HUNDRED YEARS... SO LONG AGO.



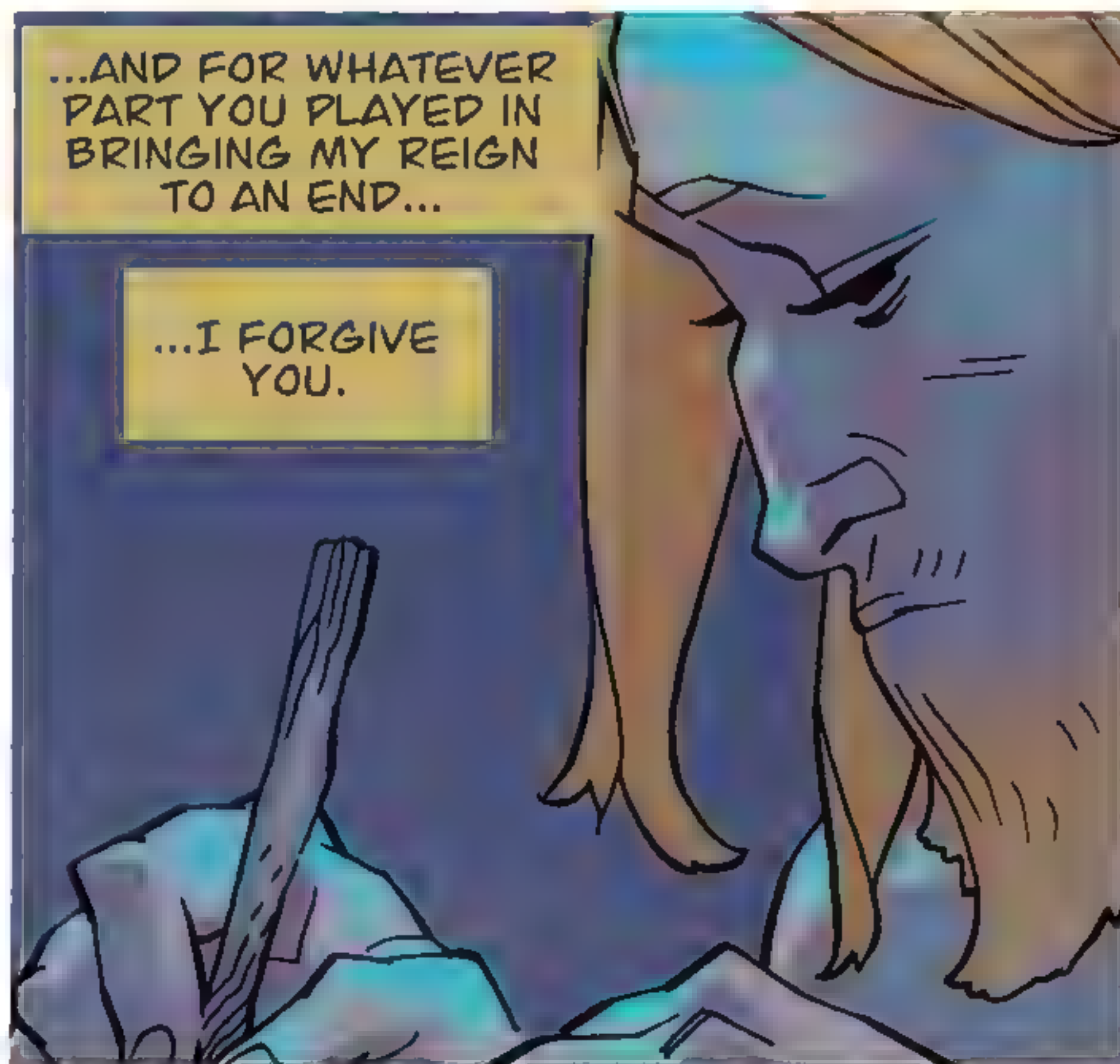
I'M WRITING TO TELL YOU I WAS **WRONG**. I LOST MY WAY.

I NEVER SAW IT, UNTIL IT WAS TAKEN AWAY, BUT BEING THE EMPEROR, THE **POWER**... AS THEY SAY, CORRUPTED ME. I WASN'T THINKING CLEARLY, I WASN'T...

...LISTENING TO **YOU**... AND I REALLY SHOULD HAVE.

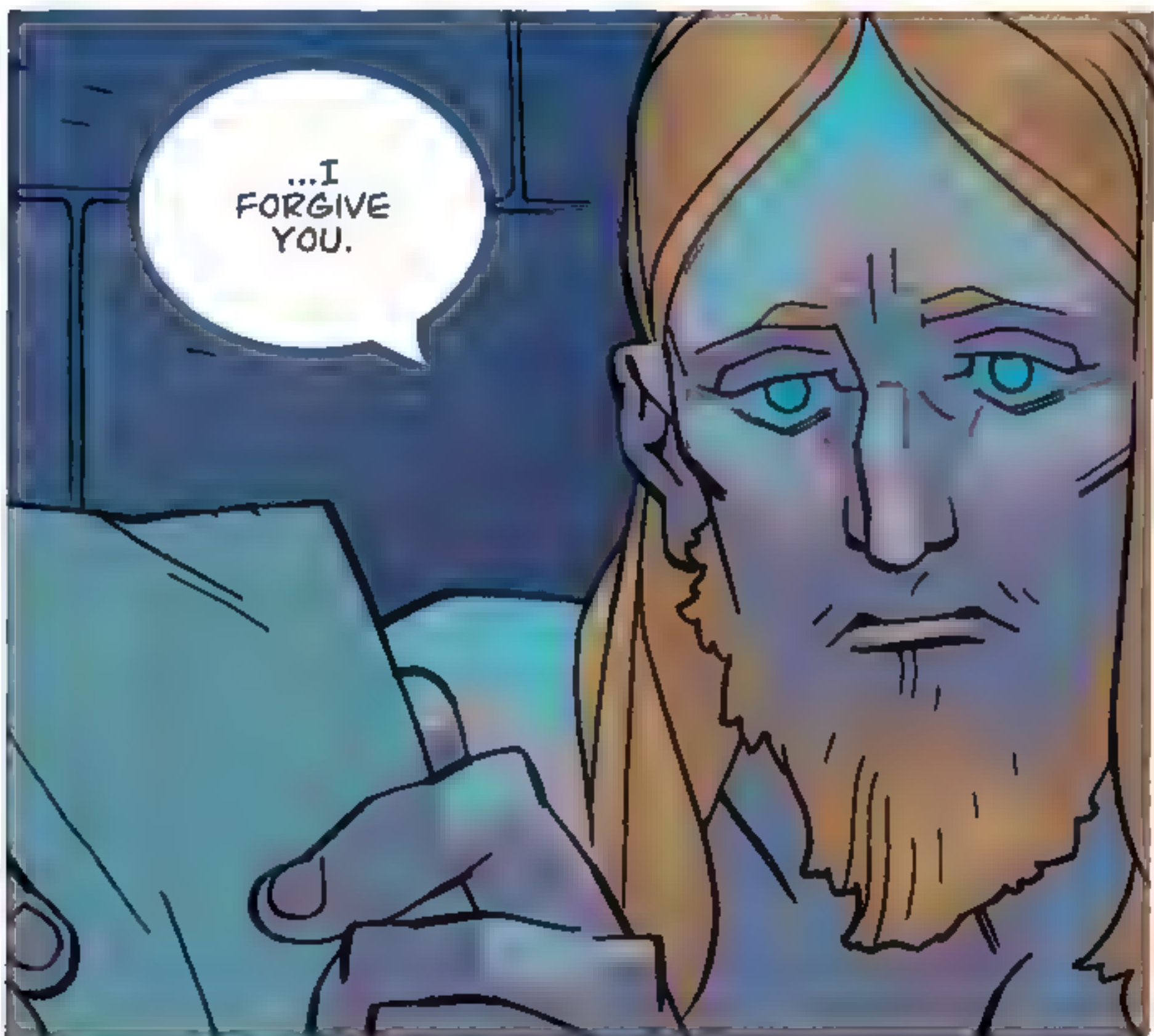


IF I COULD TALK TO YOU AGAIN, OR MAYBE THIS LETTER WILL SOMEHOW FIND YOU, I WANT YOU TO KNOW, I'M SORRY...

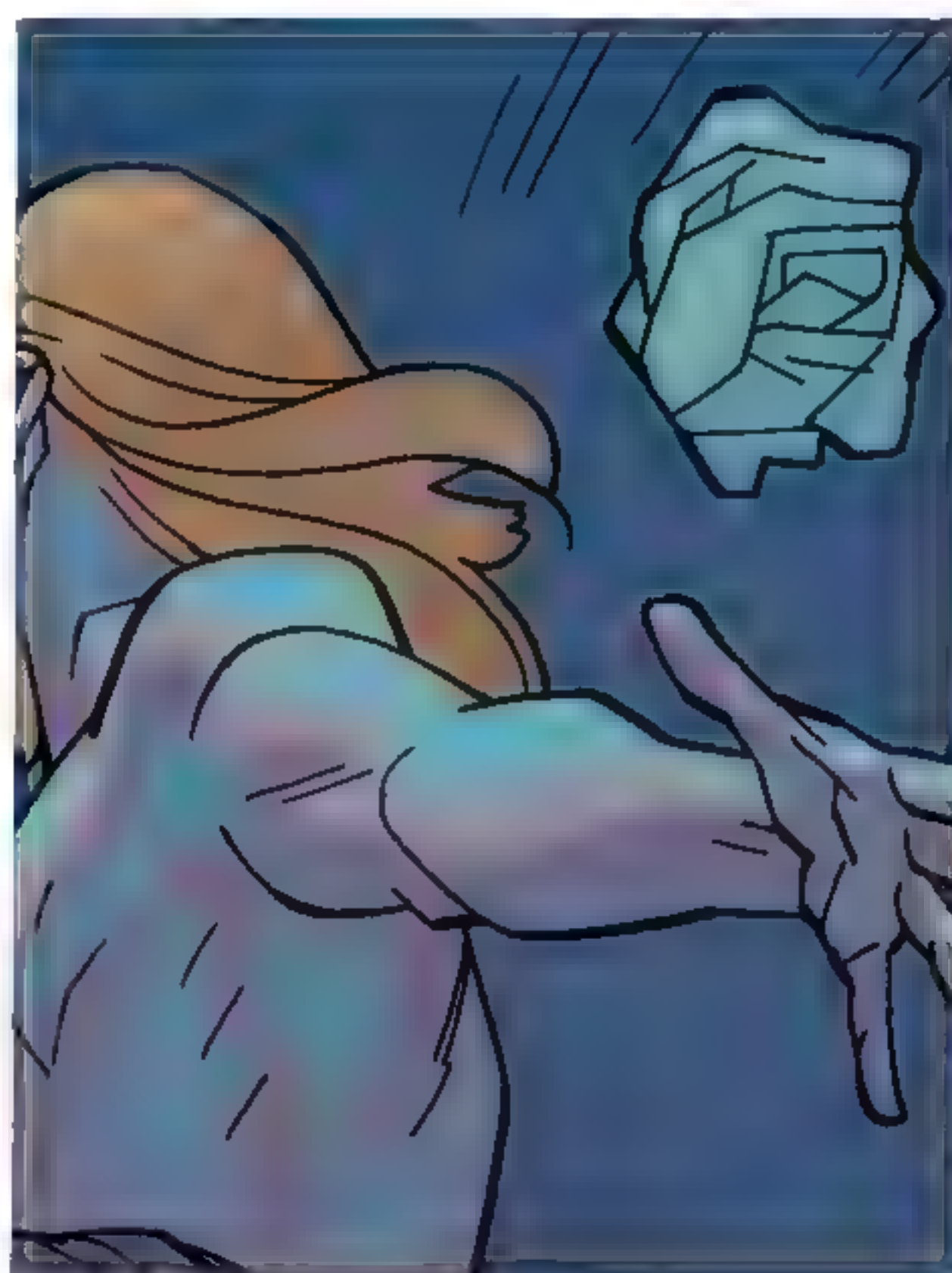


...AND FOR WHATEVER PART YOU PLAYED IN BRINGING MY REIGN TO AN END...

...I FORGIVE YOU.



...I FORGIVE YOU.







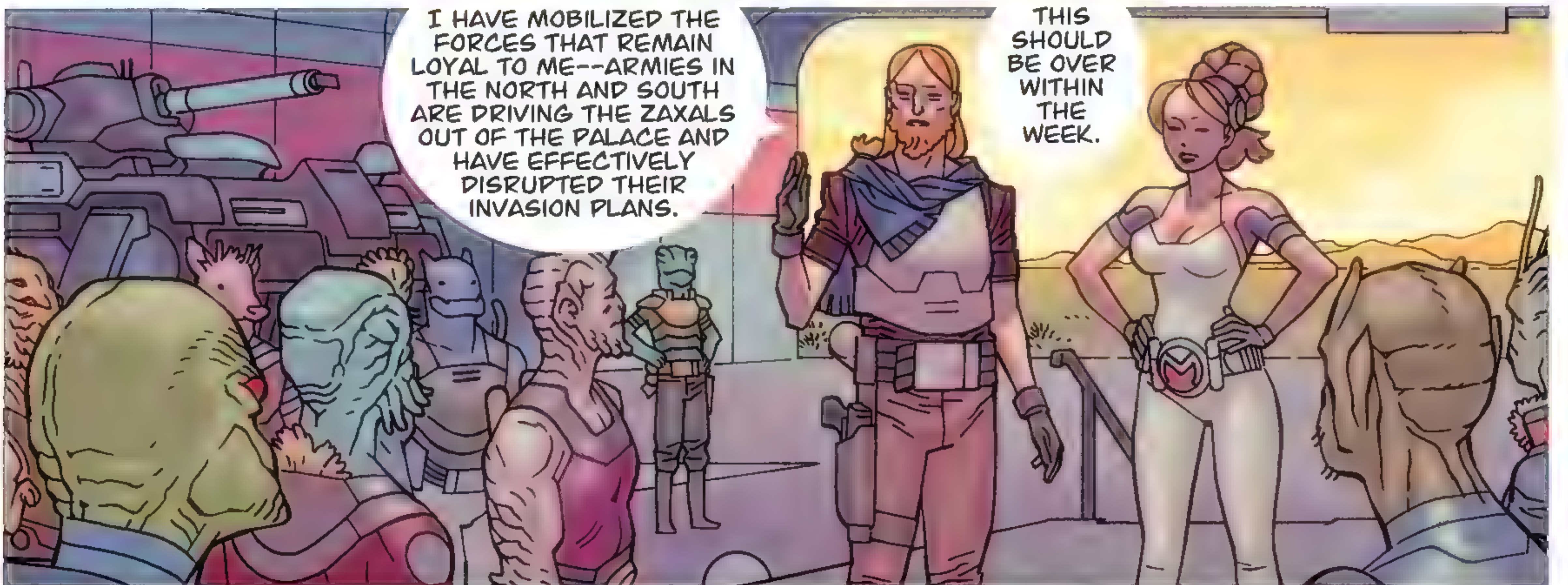
REX, YOU HAVE  
TO HELP ME--YOU  
WERE RIGHT ABOUT  
THE ZAXALS! THEY'RE  
MOUNTING AN ATTACK  
ON ANOTHER  
DIMENSION  
RIGHT NOW!

WE HAVE  
TO **STOP**  
THEM!

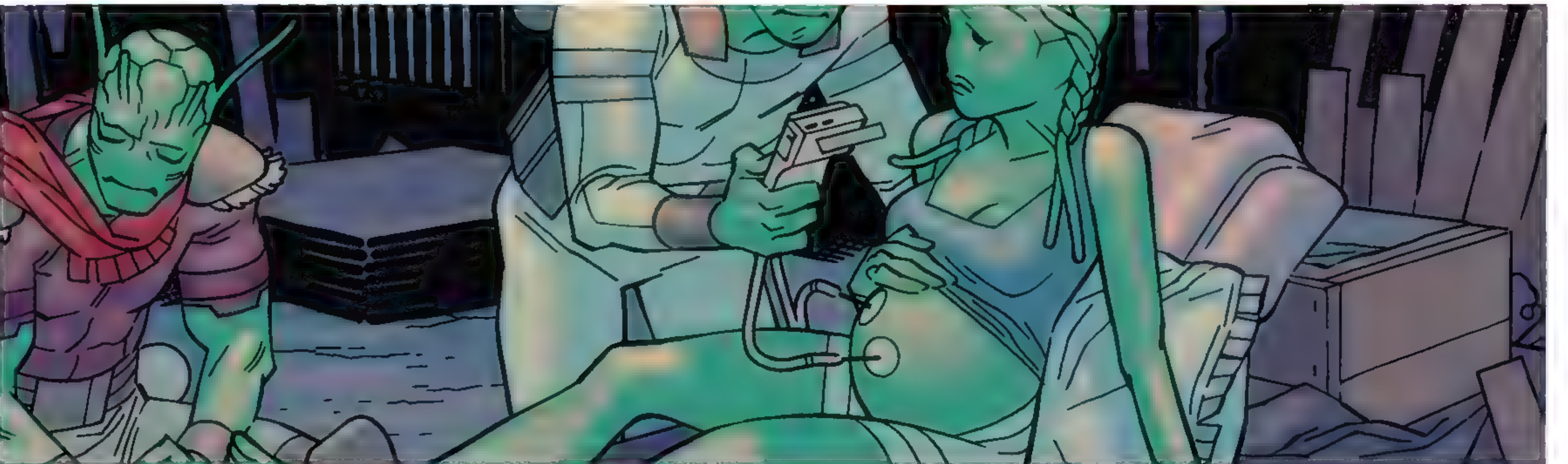
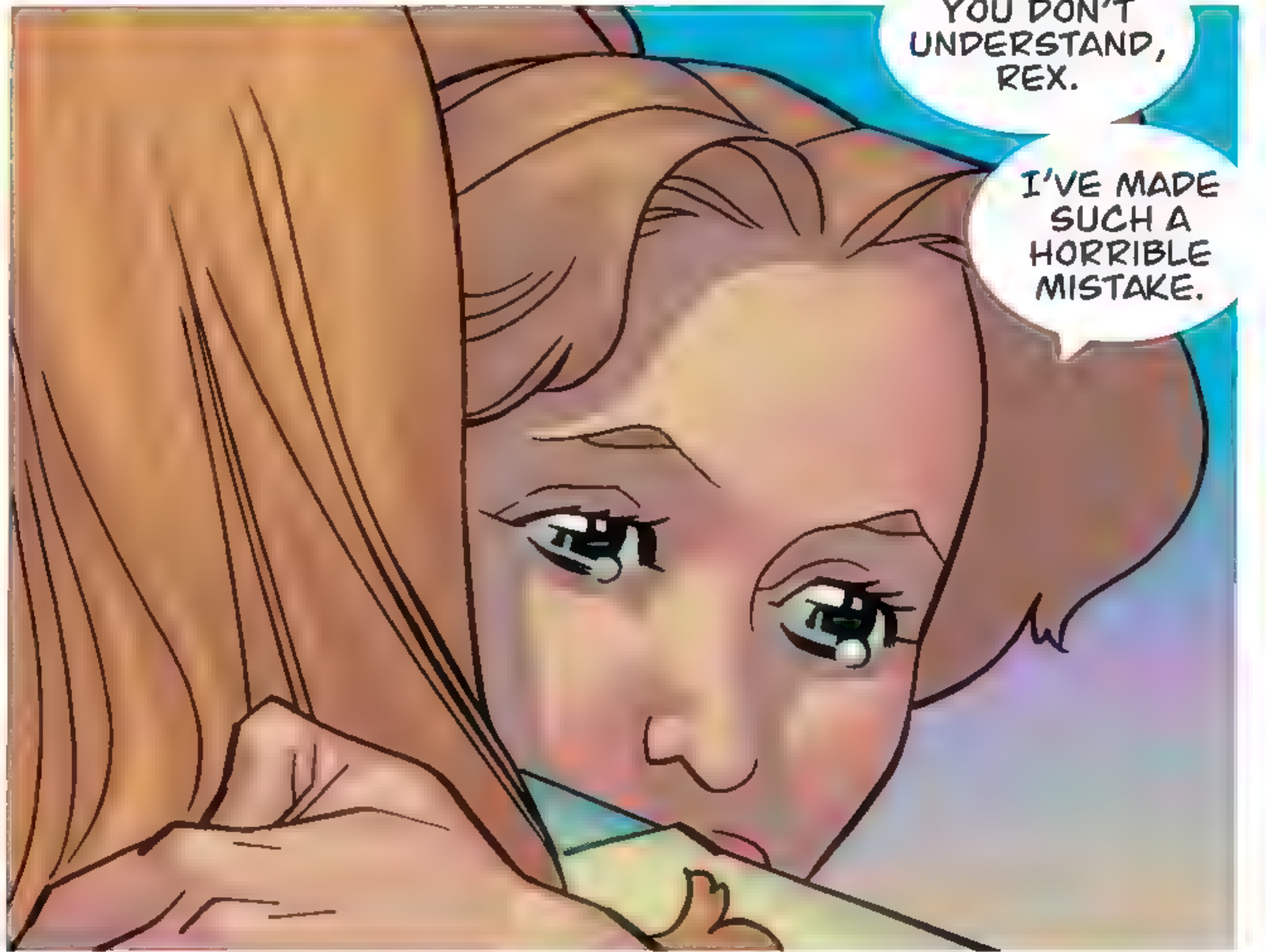
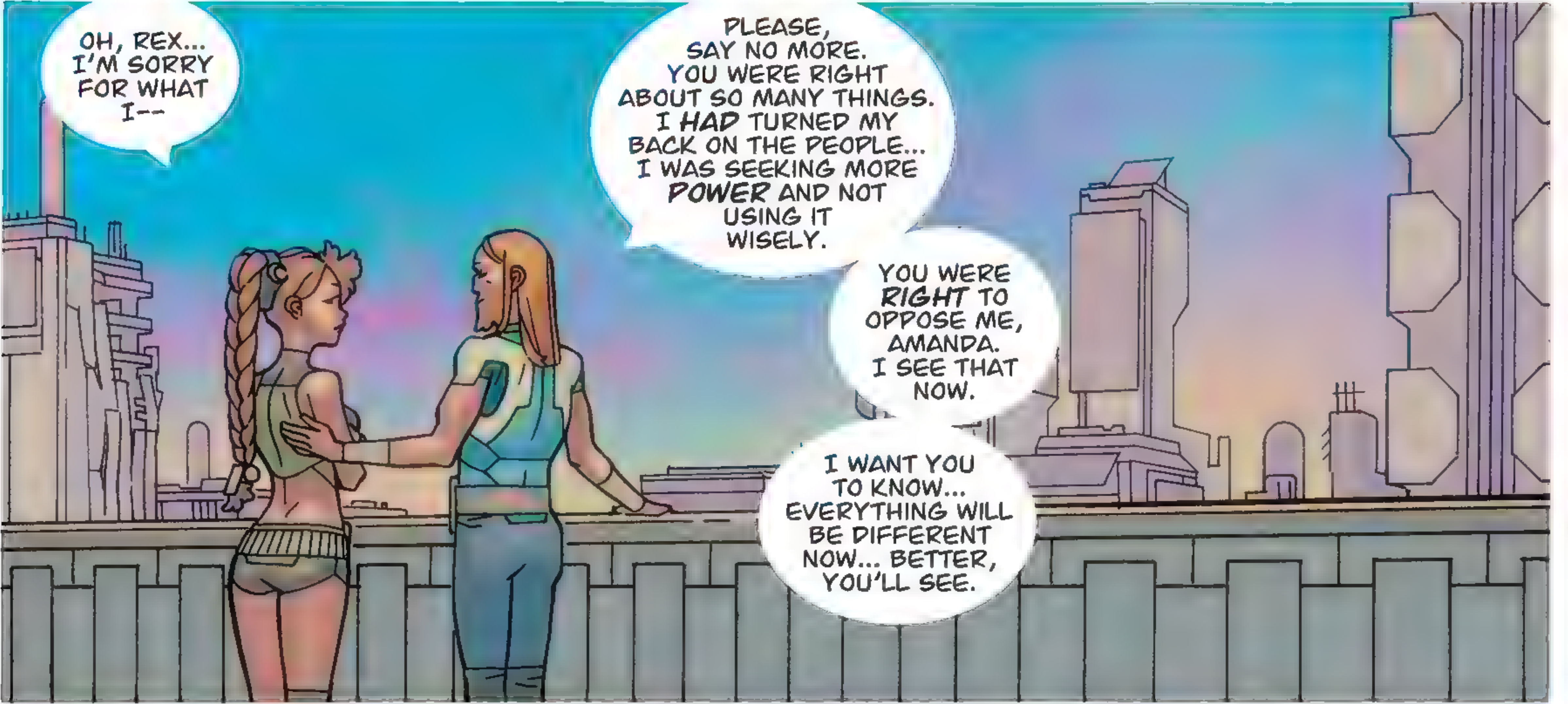
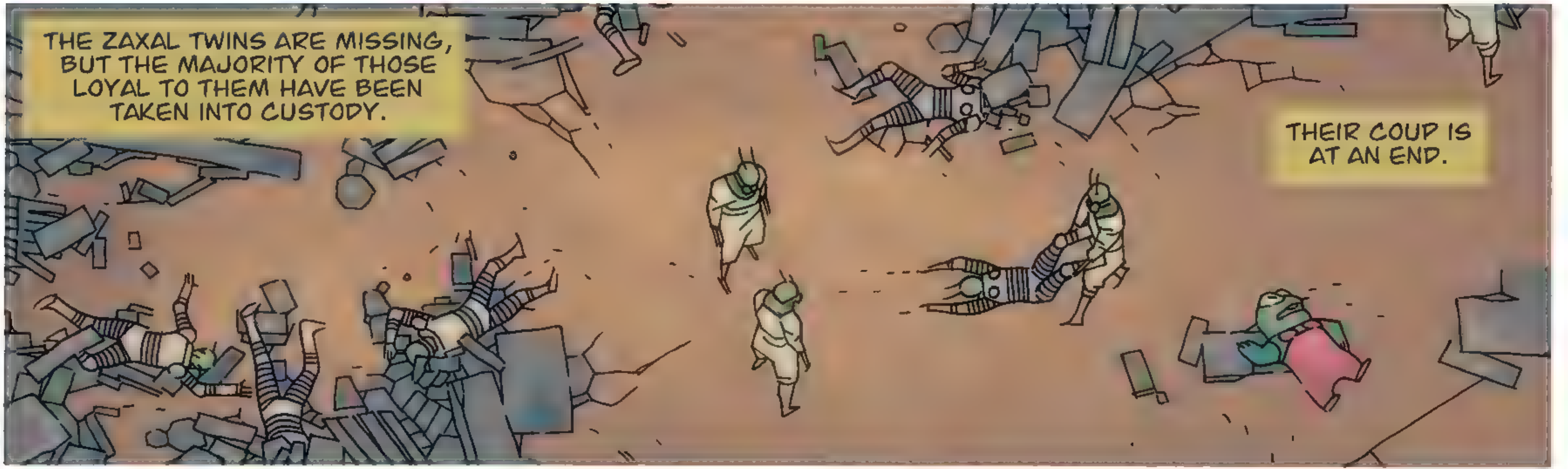


I HAVE MOBILIZED THE  
FORCES THAT REMAIN  
LOYAL TO ME--ARMIES IN  
THE NORTH AND SOUTH  
ARE DRIVING THE ZAXALS  
OUT OF THE PALACE AND  
HAVE EFFECTIVELY  
DISRUPTED THEIR  
INVASION PLANS.

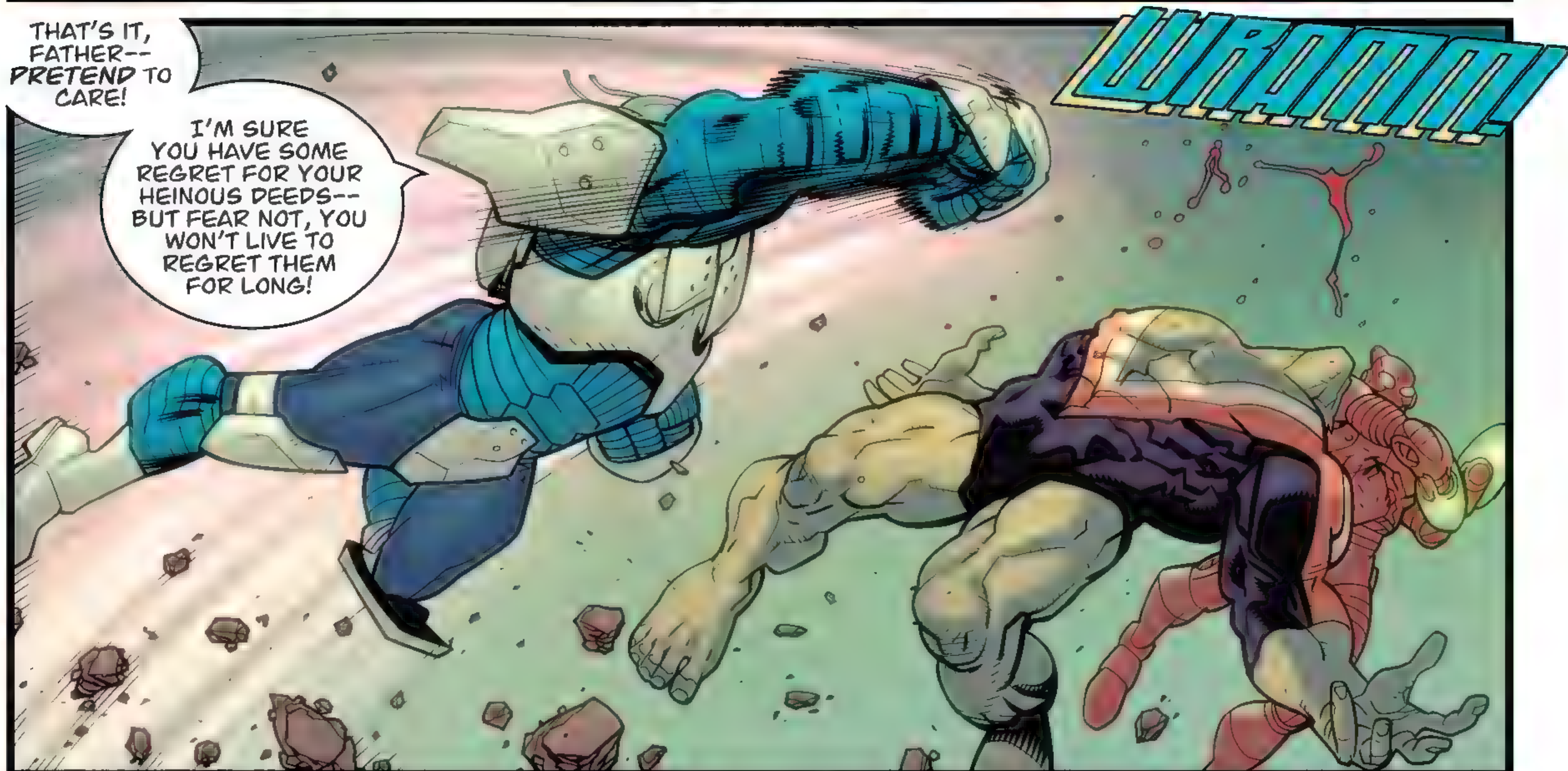
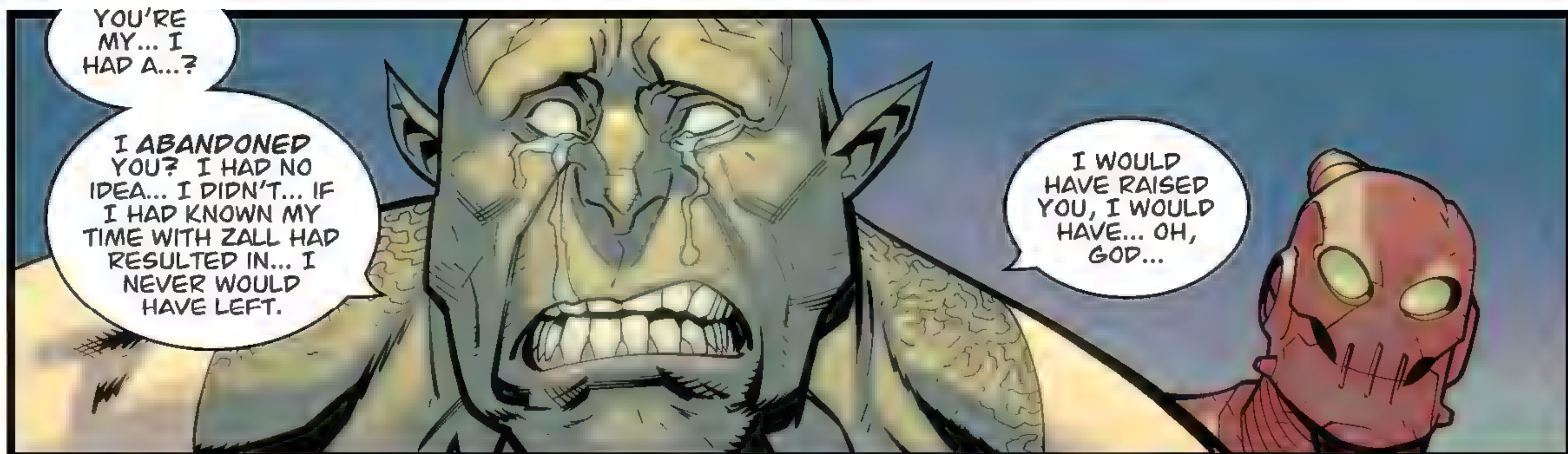
THIS  
SHOULD  
BE OVER  
WITHIN  
THE  
WEEK.



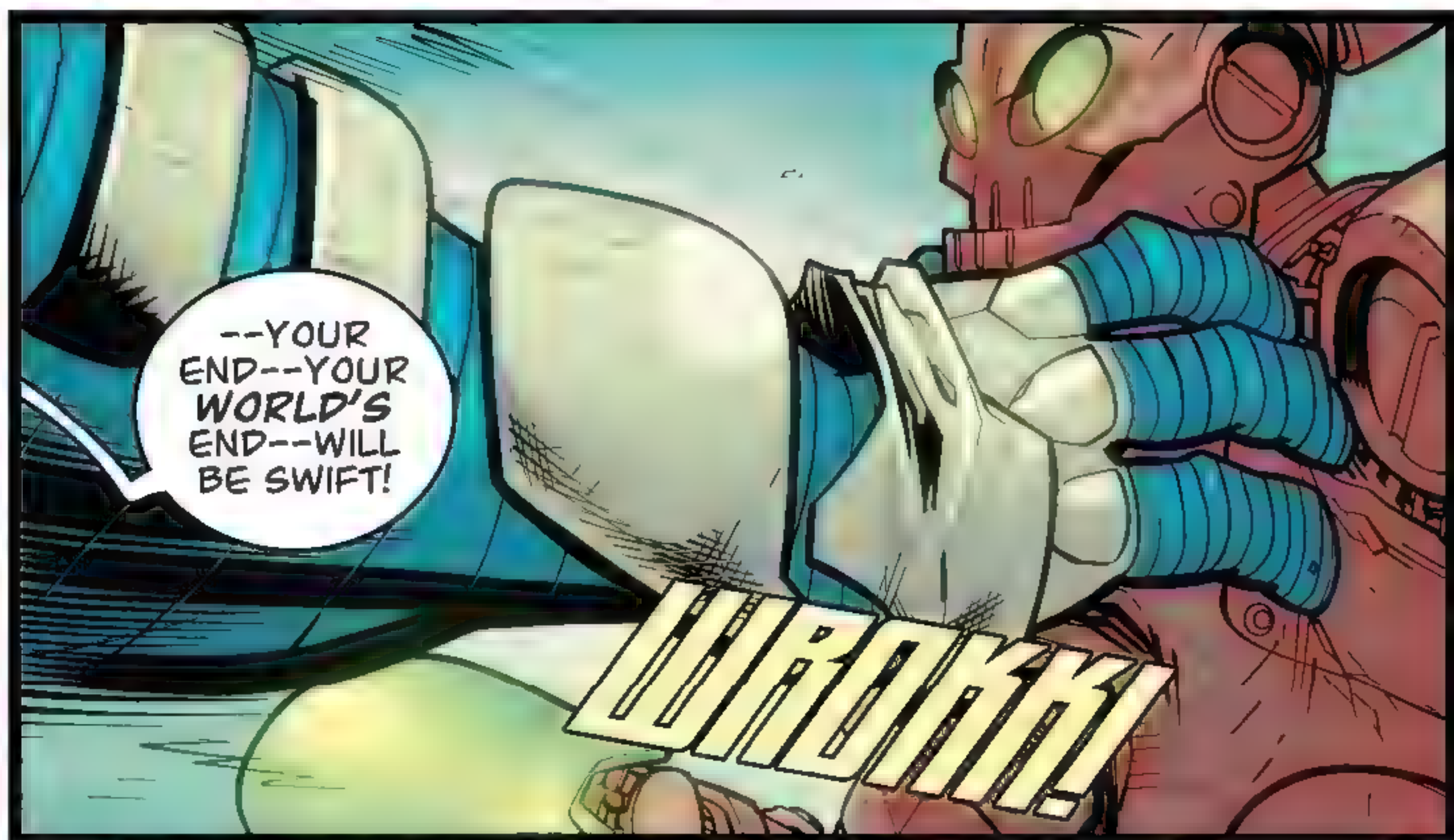
















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# INVINCIBLE

What's good, Invincibles?!

Editor Sean Mackiewicz invading your personal space for the first time. It feels great to join such a talented team of creators and their corresponding rabid fan base. Especially in light of the events to come...

*Shhhh.... give nothing away, Sean!*

If you've kept your eyes online in the past weeks, you've seen a flurry of teasers for INVINCIBLE #100. With only two more issues before "The Death of Everyone" kicks off, let's give our cast some nice words before the big send-off.

Wow.

The art on this book can't possibly get any better...can it? I've thought that before about this book, but it is rocking now in ways that every other superhero book wishes it could. I've been a fan of Ottley's stuff since he came onboard all those years ago (I have a poster from about five or six years ago that I look at every day and am still blown away by). I liked his art more than Walker's right away, and he has grown so much as an artist, it's unbelievable. I also think Rathburn's inks are some of the tightest in the business. He seems to be pushing the thick outlines of foreground characters further than he has previously, and it really looks great.

Despite my feelings about Walker's art in the early days, I have to say that his pages for the new back-up story have been totally incredible. Love the expressive body language and background details.

*Well, to be fair, Cory was only 15 years old when he drew the first seven issues of INVINCIBLE.*

And John Rauch...damn.

There are very few instances where I feel multiple, consecutive splash pages are justified (I disagreed with it in TWD recently), but the double-double splash page spreads in #93 were absolutely worth it. Beautiful stuff. I can't remember ever seeing sequential splash pages from the same camera angle like that, and it kept me looking for a good long while.

Kirkman's story hasn't been sucking, either. In fact, I think this is one of the top four or five most imaginative comics I've ever read. So many great characters, interesting and diverse plotlines... Yeah, it's been all good on this book for a while now.

*I'll take "hasn't been sucking" any day of the week. Thanks!*

No major complaints so I'll stop wasting your time with all this positive stuff.

-Preston Cram

P.S. Put my pre-order in for GUARDING THE GLOBE numero uno and am pretty excited about it. I remember being a kid and loving the one-two punch of SAVAGE DRAGON and FREAK FORCE each month, and it will be great to have that now with INVINCIBLE. I thought the plot of the mini-series was contrived and kind of silly, but the new characters are great. Looking forward to a more focused and developed story for them.

Best Tiger blowing out that Flaxan's brains in the foreground? Shapemith tossing another guy out of a window? Yeah, those splashes are DOPE © Sina.

I just got finished reading the first two issues of GUARDING THE GLOBE and you won't be disappointed by Phil Hester and Todd Nauck's take on our international heroes. Plus you can't argue with more Best Tiger.

*Contrived and kind of silly? I'm going to sit in a corner and cry now if you don't mind...*

Dear Penvincible Crew,

First of all the book is great. Anyway, there has been some speculation on the interwebs that Bulletproof's brother Tyrone is the villain Titan. If that is true it would be a cool Kirkman-esque twist. So my question is, is there any truth to that?

Joseph

Folks online are speculating on something that may or may not be true? I believe that.

*You'll just have to read issue 97 to find out!*

Dear Invincible-crew,

Thanks a lot for all the awesomeness!!! Especially to you, Kirkman, you're a genius! Keep that up! I read TWD as well, I read all of those and all of the INVINCIBLEs in a couple of days. Because of that I ran out of money and -- as I couldn't stop myself from buying the next number although I couldn't afford it at the time -- lost some confidence. But it was so worth it! Anyhow, here're some questions:

Why didn't the Viltrumites kill Oliver on the bug-planet when he was still a baby and when Mark and Nolan were beaten? If it was because the black Viltrumite Nolan almost killed due to his condition couldn't tell Gregg or someone the baby was there, did the Viltrumites go back to that planet later? In that case they've got themselves a real breeding camp...

How could Mark, Nolan and Oliver survive in space after being left by the Viltrumites when Conquest died of running out of... Well, what? Oxygen?

Thanks again!  
All the best,  
Johan Engdahl, Sweden

Throwback question! At the end of that fight, the Viltrumites had bagged Nolan, so I don't think they even considered what a huge threat Oliver would grow into. And sure, the planet could've been a great breeding camp, if the Viltrumites didn't massacre a large part of its population. Plus, they eventually discovered that human DNA was a really good fit for making babies, so it all worked out...for them.

*Um... what Sean said. (I remember... I totally remember! Shut up!)*

Dear Invincible Crew,

I thought I had grown out of the super-hero genre of comic books. Sure, I can enjoy the occasional movie or cartoon, but for the most part I have not bought a running super-hero comic in a long time. Being a fan of your other work though, I gave INVINCIBLE a chance due to a nod from my local comic store owner. I bought the first volume; then I bought the next three; then I just bought the next



eleven and caught up on the single issues because I can say that INVINCIBLE is unequivocally the best super-hero thing I have ever witnessed in all forms of media (and if it keeps going like this all the way to the end...it will be the best comic ever). Therefore, because INVINCIBLE has exceeded all of my expectations, I am writing to a comic for the first time. Looking to send some praise and hopefully throw out a few worthwhile questions.

The trait I probably admire most about the series, in a long list of traits I admire, is the pacing. While most series have a leveling off point when it comes to excitement, Kirkman somehow found the just right angle and presentation to grow the pristine dynamic of this wonderful comic. I never look back at any point and wish the characters or plot were how they used to be because I am always excited at what is currently going on in INVINCIBLE. Kirkman has hit this perfect stride of exponential growth with what makes INVINCIBLE interesting. It always has a full head of steam but never exhausts you...how does he do it? And as if it was not enough to have such perfect writing, Kirkman also gets the perfect art crew of Ottley, Rathburn and Rauch to match his ideas!? How is that fair to the rest of the industry!!!? Like I said, keep this going (no shortcuts, Kirkman, and do not hide behind “leaving it up to interpretation” ...some of that is fine but you are really setting yourself up to contribute to the “great” conversation, which I’ll get to later) and you four will be responsible for the greatest comic ever created.... no pressure.

Since we are getting into the Robot/Monster Girl back story, I can fittingly ask my first and simple question of - can Monster Girl live forever now? With the belt Robot has created for her, which changes her aging back to normal and now she has grown to a 28-year-old body, can she just take off the belt for three years, to regress to a 25-year-old body? And then put the belt back on for three years to go back to 28-year-old body? Therefore, Monster Girl can just alternate the belt on and off till the end of time ...if, of course, she is not murdered or something?

**Murdered, like by the son she never knew she fathered?**

*Theoretically, YES, Monster Girl is the perfect kind of immortal now. She can go “I’d like to see what 30 is like,” and then later take the belt off and go back to 22 or whatever... or she can say “this sucks” and wear the belt until she dies of natural old age... it’s awesome! We’ll deal with this kind of stuff a bit in the future... unless she dies!*

Now for the bigger question: What made Earth so special to Nolan, who has lived with so many other inhabitants of hundreds of other planets, that it would change his mind about the Viltrumite Empire? A mind so indoctrinated by such a powerful society? This has made me wonder if this is Kirkman’s overall goal to show what makes sentient life so special on this planet. A sort of purpose or privilege we humans should all be enjoying and realize in the grand scheme of things? What appears to be the contrast Kirkman has provided between the lives on other planets and ours is the other life forms have a clear expectation of what their relationships are supposed to be amongst each other on their planet. While on earth there is no clear purpose or distinction due to unstable and constantly changing societies, BUT when clarity is achieved between two individuals on our planet the connection and purpose for that relationship is strongest it could possibly be between two sentient beings, much like Nolan and Debbie or Nolan and Mark. While these kinds of relationships and others fail a lot on our planet because our societies are not as efficient as it seems on other planets, when they are successful the bond is stronger due to the purpose being completely up to the individuals. Hopefully I am not thinking too much into this, because I tend to do that. And maybe Kirkman cannot answer the question, but just a nod to whether it is the right question to ask or not would be great! Of course, there are the obvious environmental and economic points which are brought through Dinosaurus and I hope he does not pull any punches on that either. Since it is obvious Dinosaurus is a fan favorite, and hopefully not just because of the cool design but for what he brings to the table. The culmination of things like Dinosaurus and this scope of the universe all, I think, are great attempts to add to the “great conversation” of humanity started by the philosophers of old and I hope Kirkman keeps reaching for this kind of contribution and hopes to strive even more new and concise ideas...that is unless I am way off base here and Kirkman is not trying for any of this at all!?

*Earth is definitely a special place and that IS something we’ll be dealing with at some point. There’s even a little hint to that end next issue, so keep an eye out for it.*

But before I stop writing I also have to comment on what a great villain Thragg is! He had such a build up and, not only, does he look intimidating but Kirkman really found the voice to match him cause his words and cunning are even more intimidating and therefore he really transcends the typical villainy dialogue. Now it seems he was not built up enough! So, in closing, what I thought was just a fun little joke at the top of issues of “the best superhero comic in the universe” is now clearly, to me, literal truth. I do not care what they’re publishing out in the Omega Centauri or Andromeda galaxies, I guarantee INVINCIBLE is better.

Sincerely,  
Bret Short

**That was an epic poem, dude! Your analysis was great. But not every alien culture portrayed in this book is a better model--look at the Flaxans in this issue. Robot and Monster Girl spent over 700 years trying to change that world, only for it to go back to its inter-dimensional invading ways. So let me throw it right back at you... If Mark and Dinosaurus could actually effect change on Earth, how long would it last?**

*Indeed!*  
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**KIRKMAN! Sina & Skybound Ent.**

First off, let me just say the tagline “The Best Superhero Comic Book In The Universe!” is 100% ABSOLUTELY TRUE! Have to be honest, sadly I didn’t start reading at #1 (I wasn’t reading comics then), I started late, BUT I caught right up to the VILTRUMITE WAR & have been a monthly reader ever since. It’s a must on my pull list, month in and month out. It’s worth every penny.

Whose idea was it to bring in Cory & have him do the Robot/Monster Girl story while Ryan does the Invincible story IN THE SAME BOOK, THIS IS GENIUS! GENIUS I TELL YOU! Mr. Rauch is such a great addition to the team, not a slight against the colorists in the past but his colors have given the issues an extra UMPH! Much respect & credit also goes to Mr. Rathburn & Mr. Wooton for their contributions!

I see in the letters that a lot of ppl are “complaining” that Eve is still not skinny again, while I never had a problem with her being skinny, I find that the way she is now just brings another side to her character & makes her stand out in a world where a woman super hero can have curves & doesn’t have to be a stick. So thank you Kirkman. Plus I like my women with curves, so I was never complaining.

Seeing Ryan twitpic the header that said “INVINCIBLE issue 100” gave me goose bumps. Onward to issue 100!!!

P.E.A.C.E.

Damien aka @TorturedXGenius

**Robert’s idea... but genius? Two guys THAT good, putting them together’s a no-brainer!**

**Yeah, Eve’s in a good place. And with “The Death of Everyone” coming up, she’s got a lot more important issues than her weight.**

*Sean, what happened? Did you not get the memo about negative mail being more fun to respond to? Did we not get any negative mail?! Where is Andrew J. Shaw when you need him?! Come on, man! Hey, thanks for writing in, Damien. It’s great to know that while we’re about to cross the issue 100 mark... people really do still enjoy this series!*  
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**Alright, that’s a wrap. If you’re in town for New York Comic Con (October 11th-14th), stop by the Skybound booth and show some love. Our own Robert Kirkman and Ryan Ottley will even be in attendance.**

**Sean**

*It’s going to be awesome! Stop on by, tell ‘em Sean sent you!*

*See you all back here next month (actually, less I think).*

**-Robert Kirkman**





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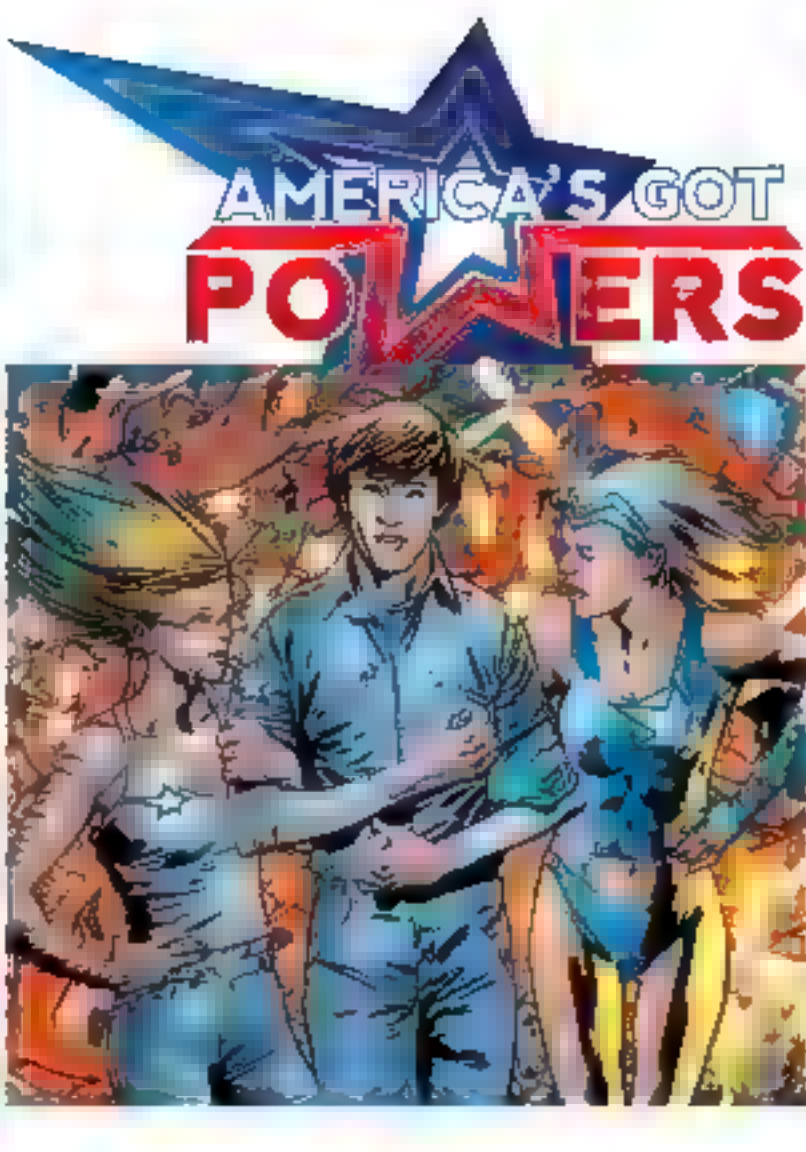




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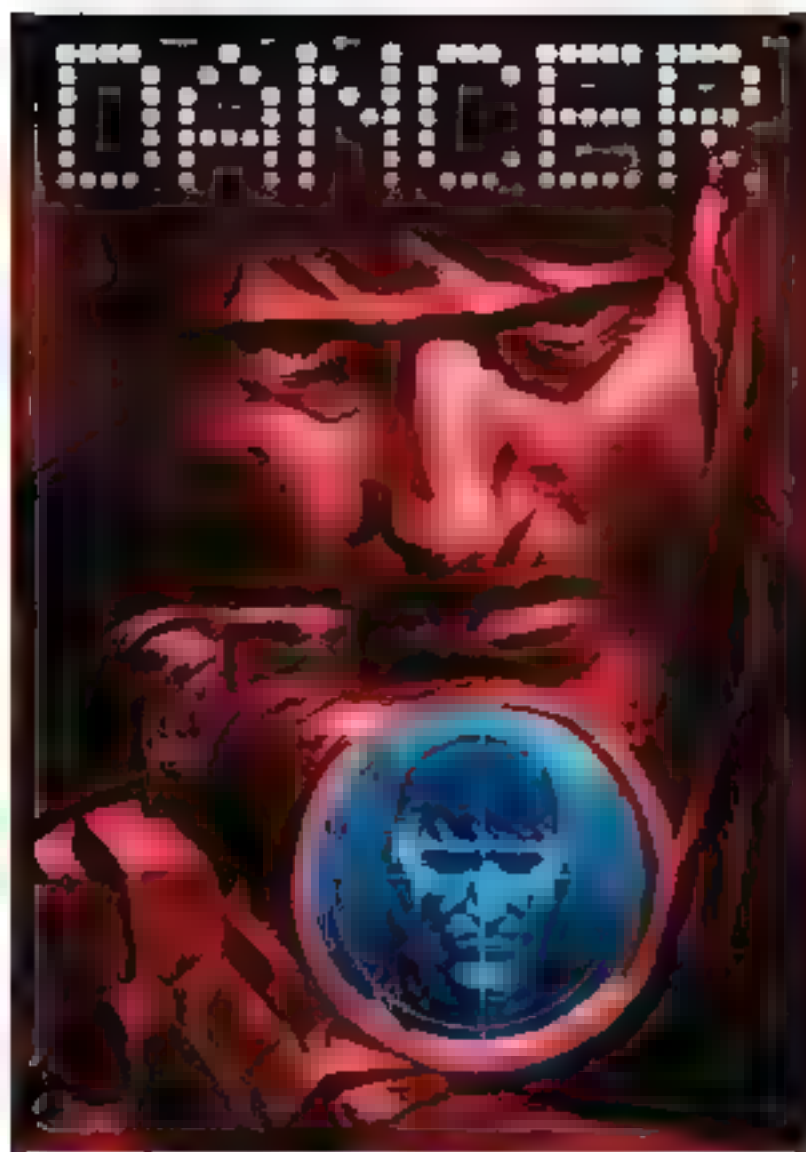
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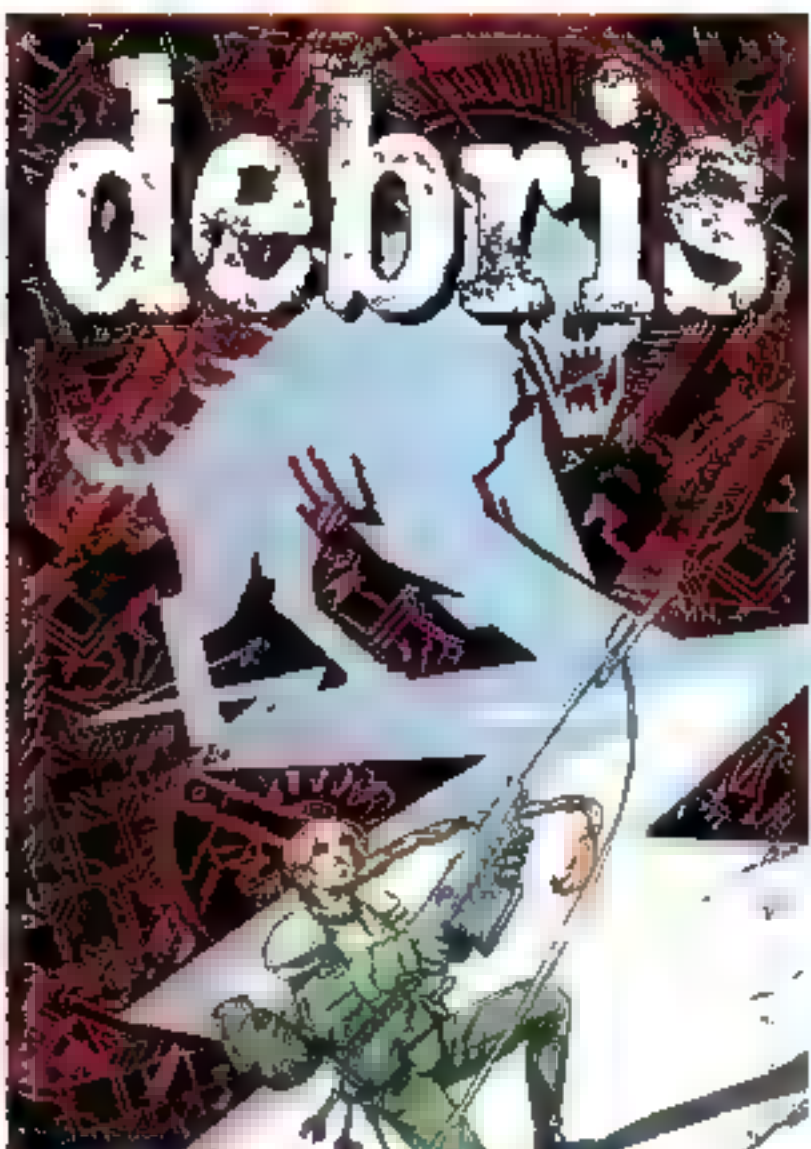
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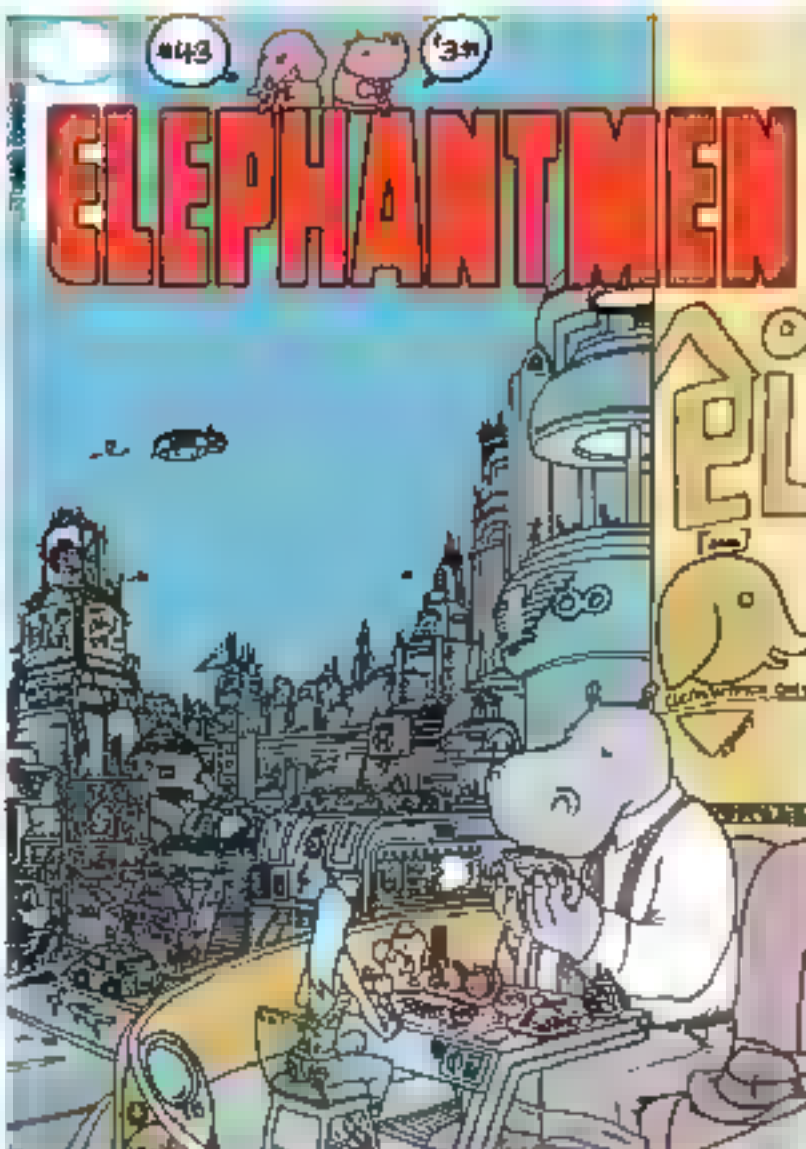
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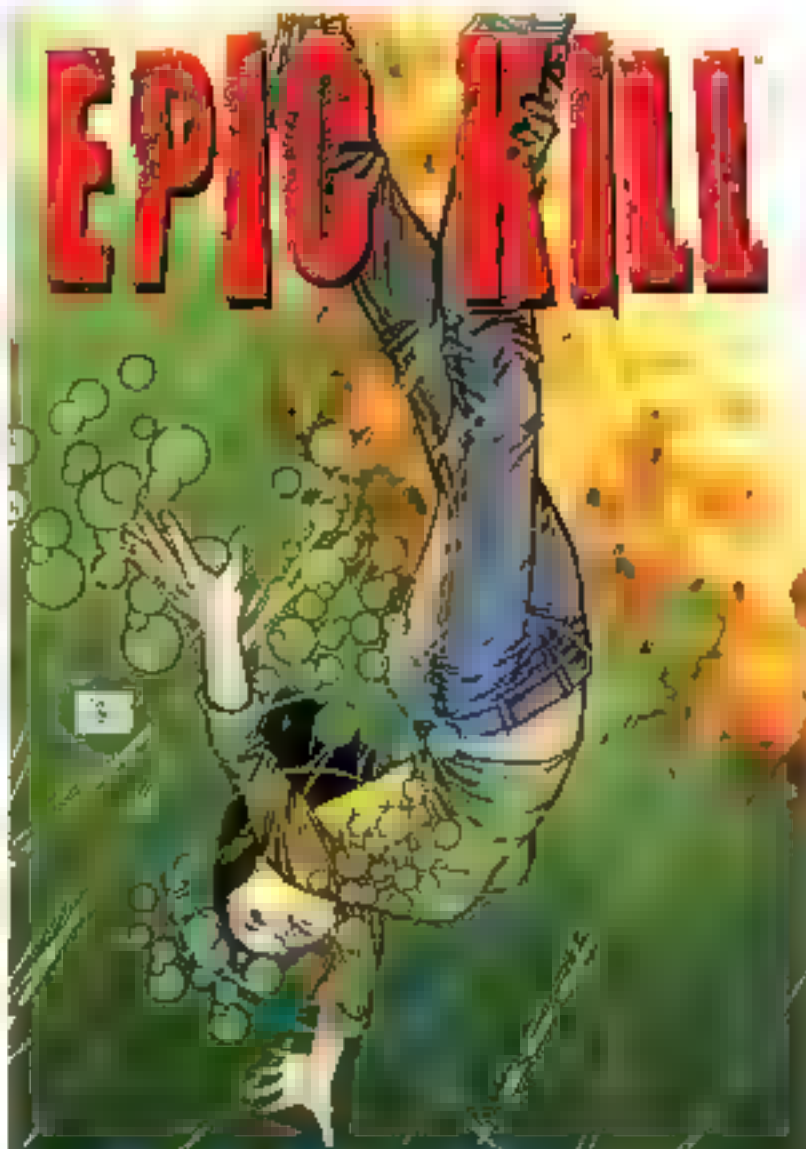
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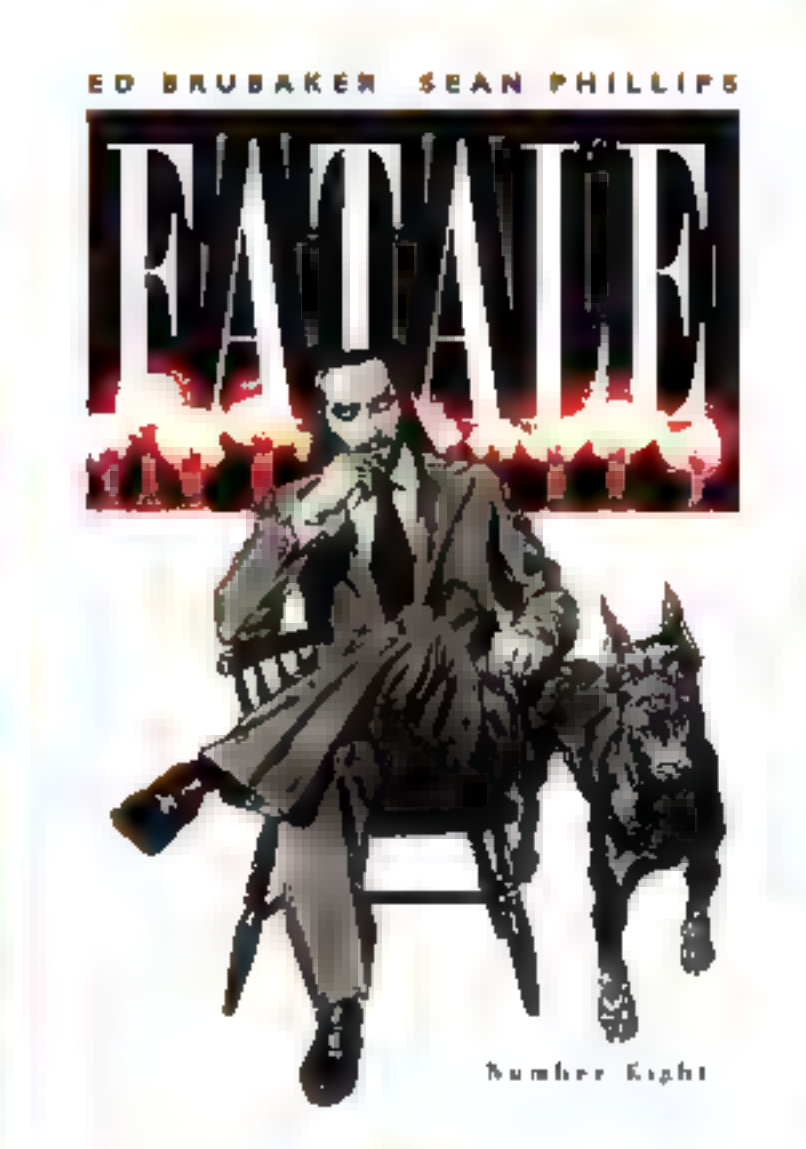
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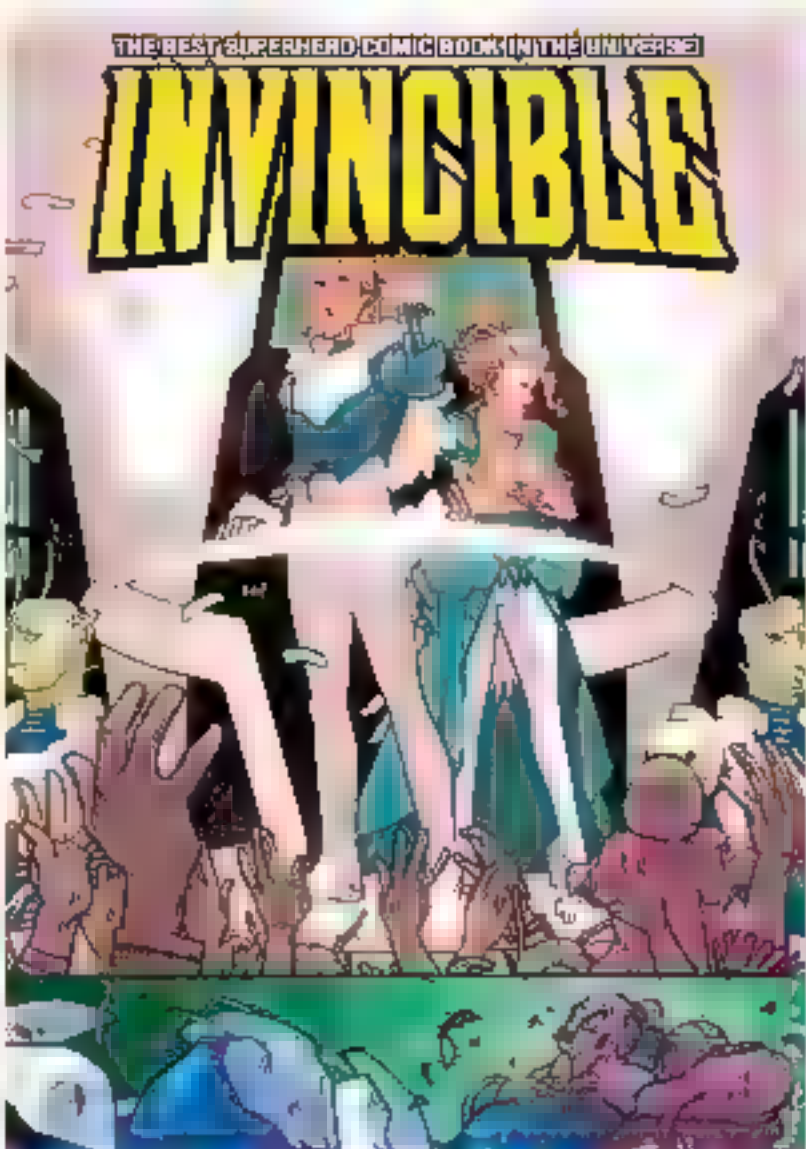
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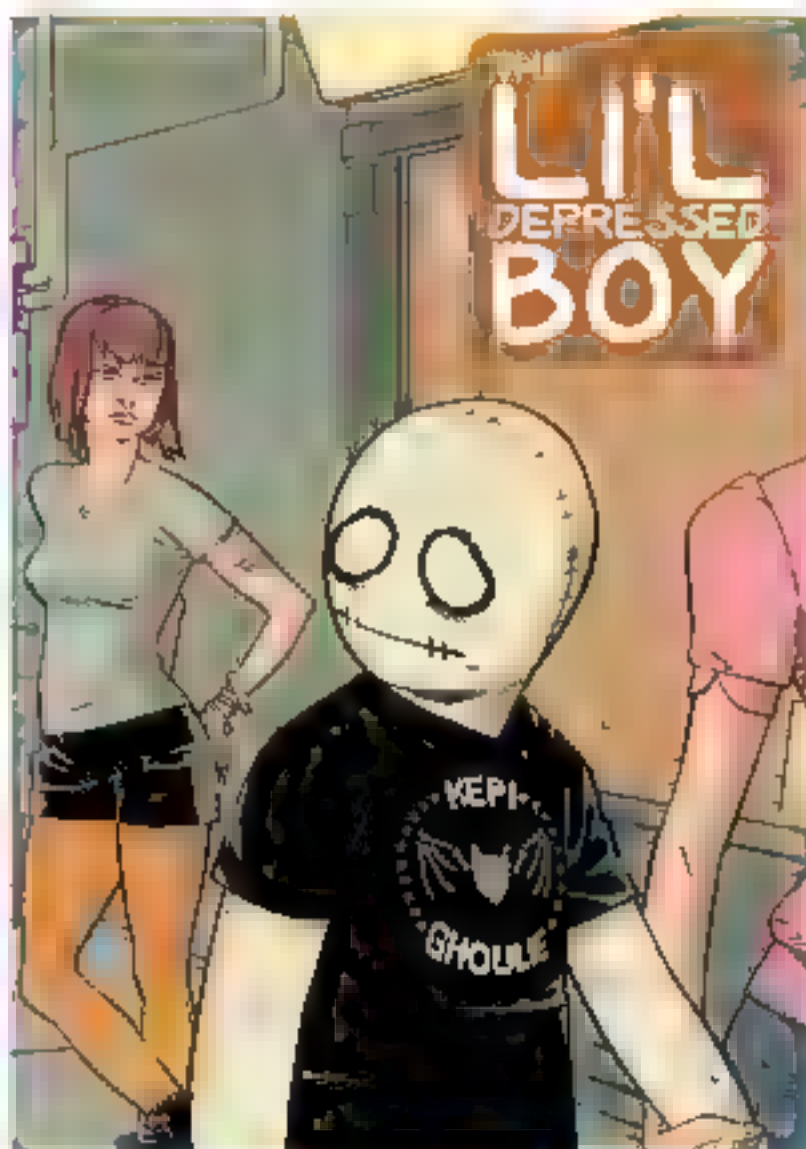
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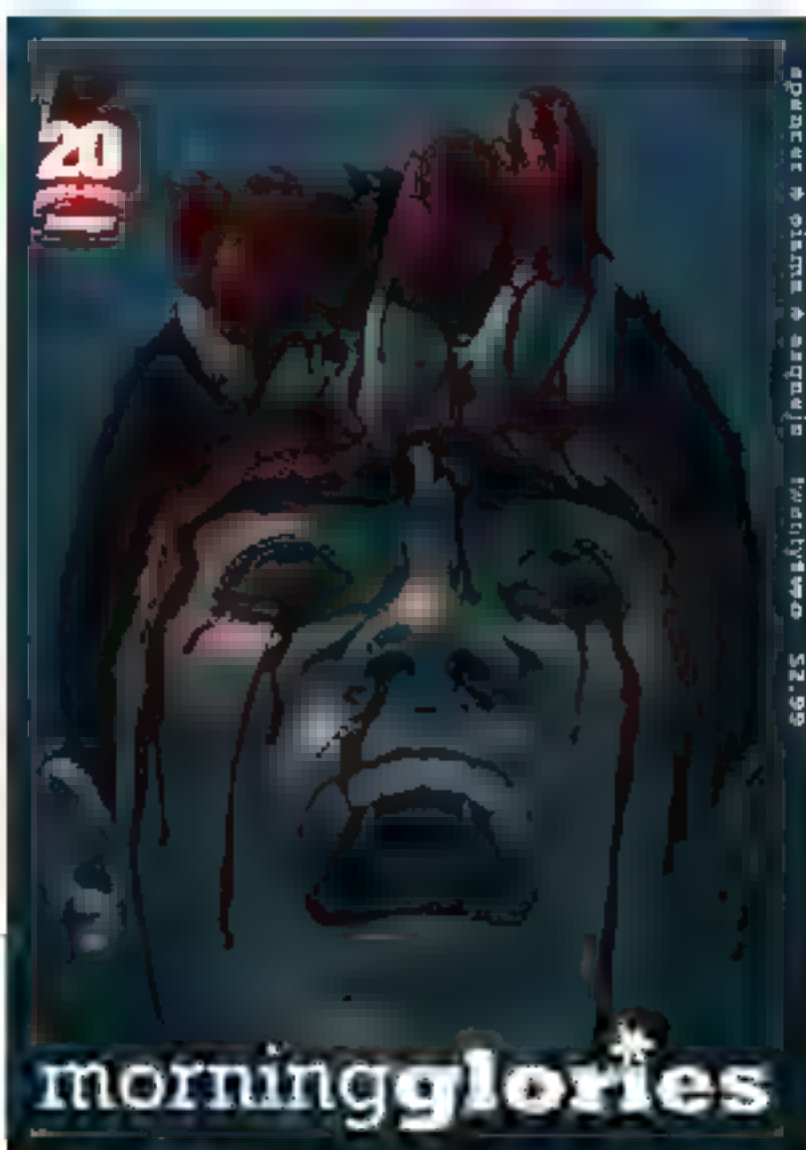
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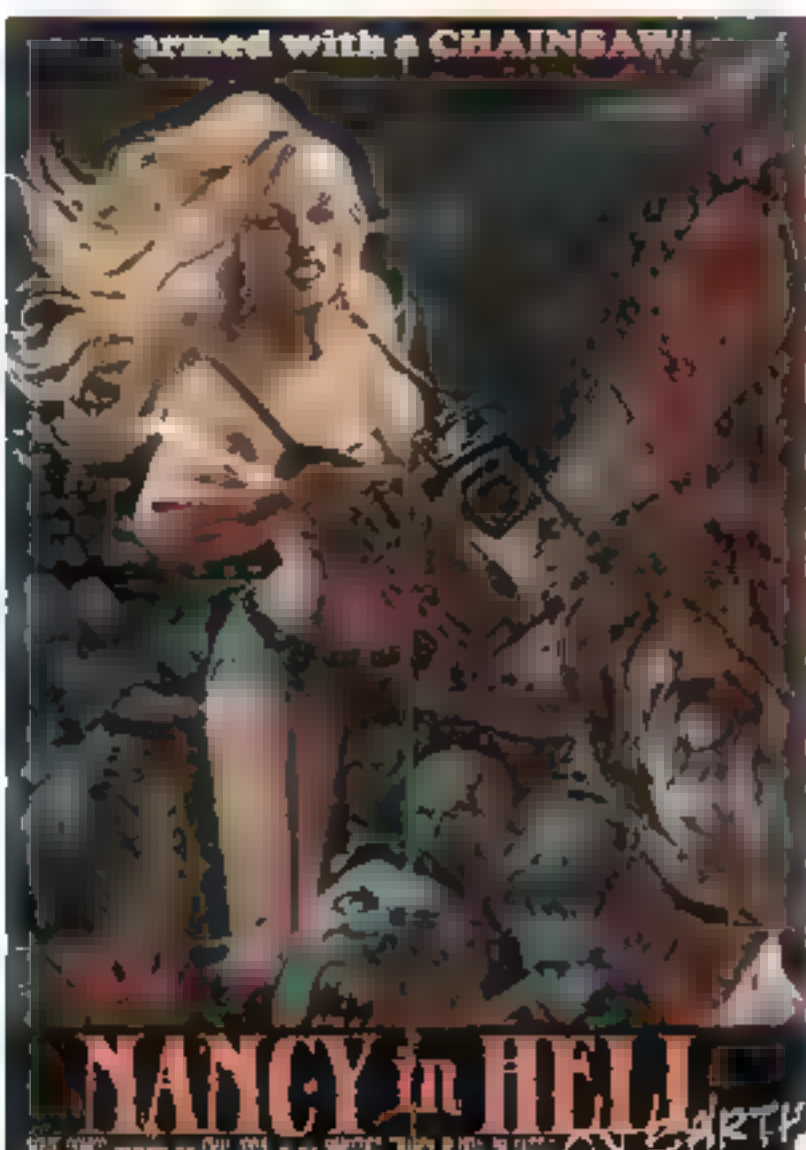
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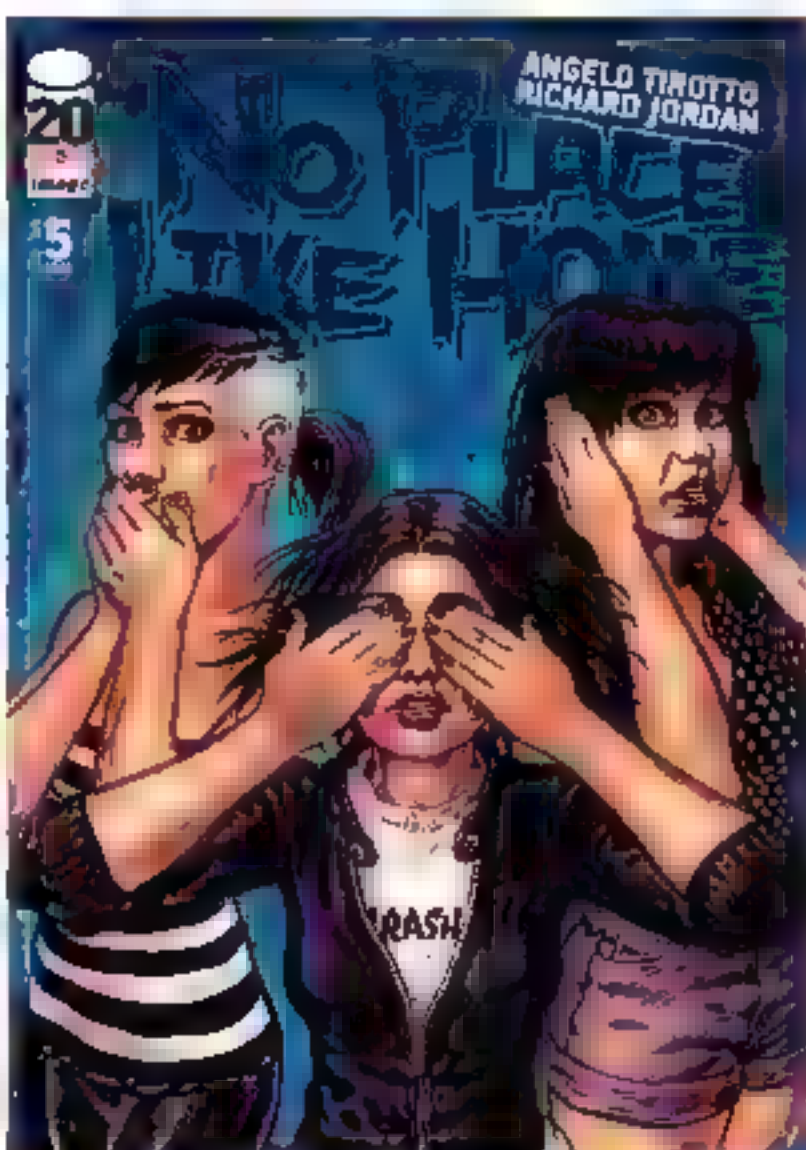
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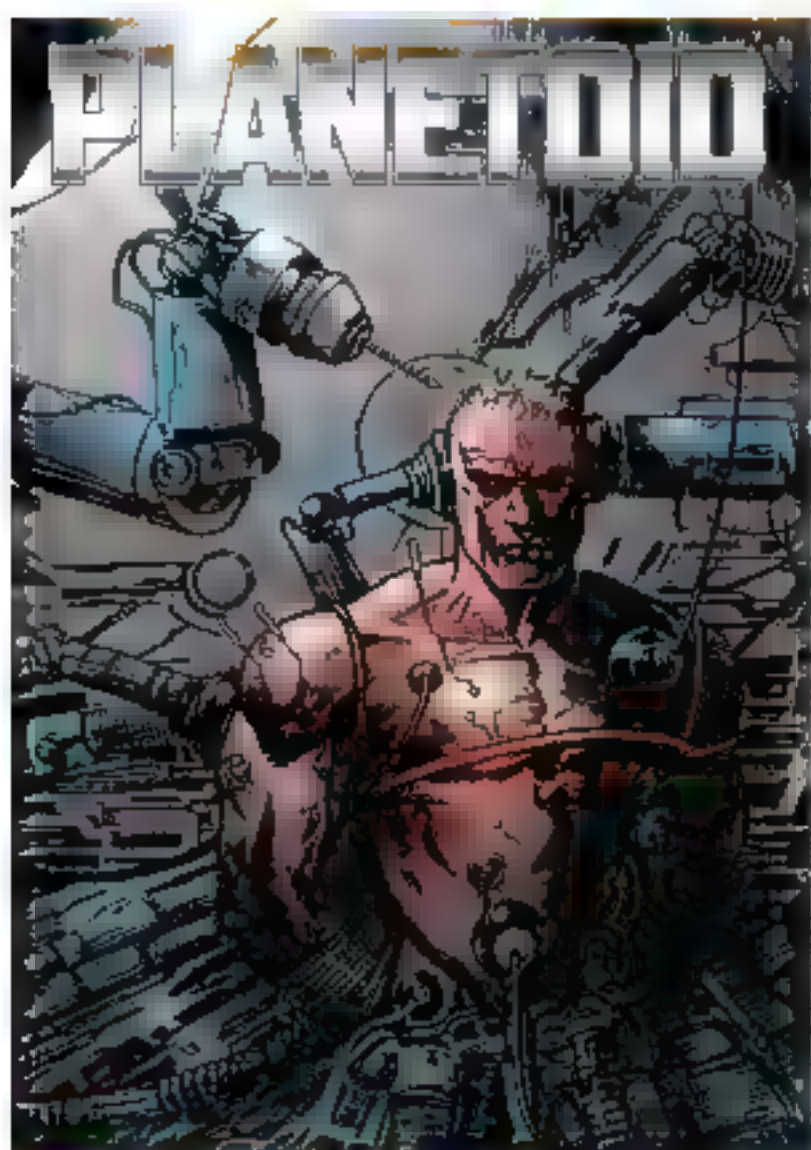
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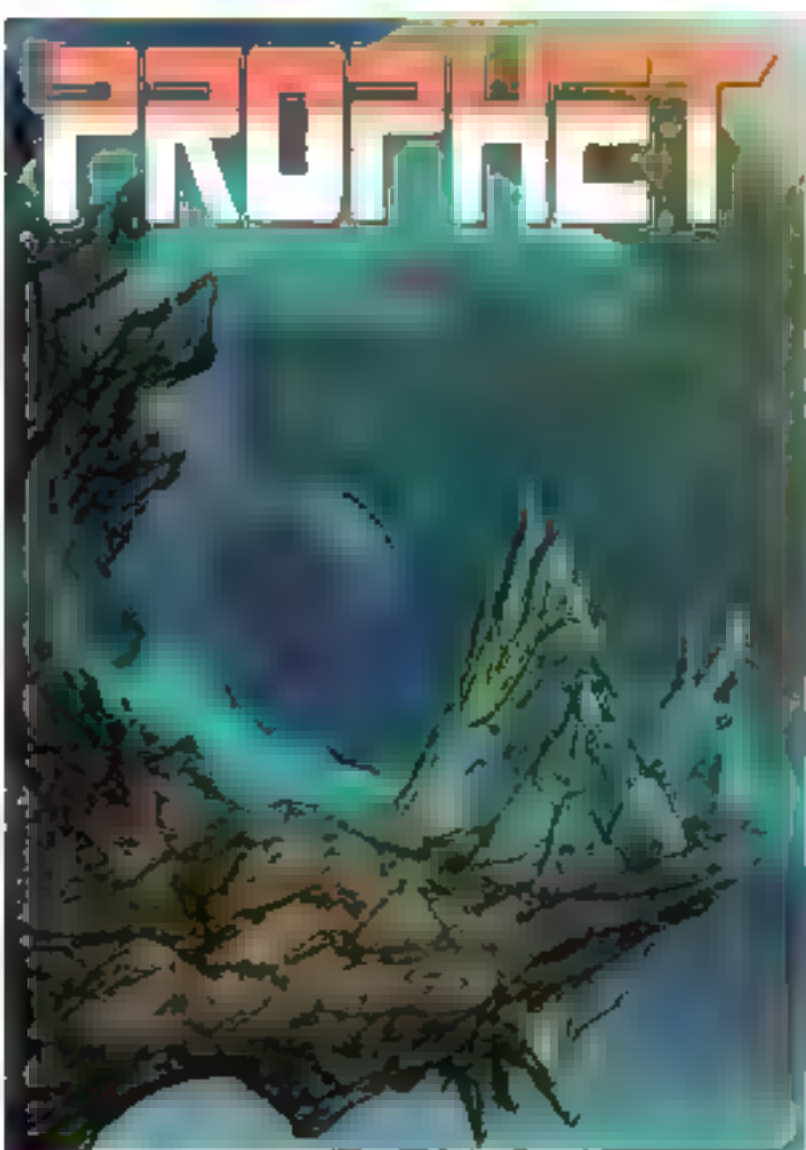
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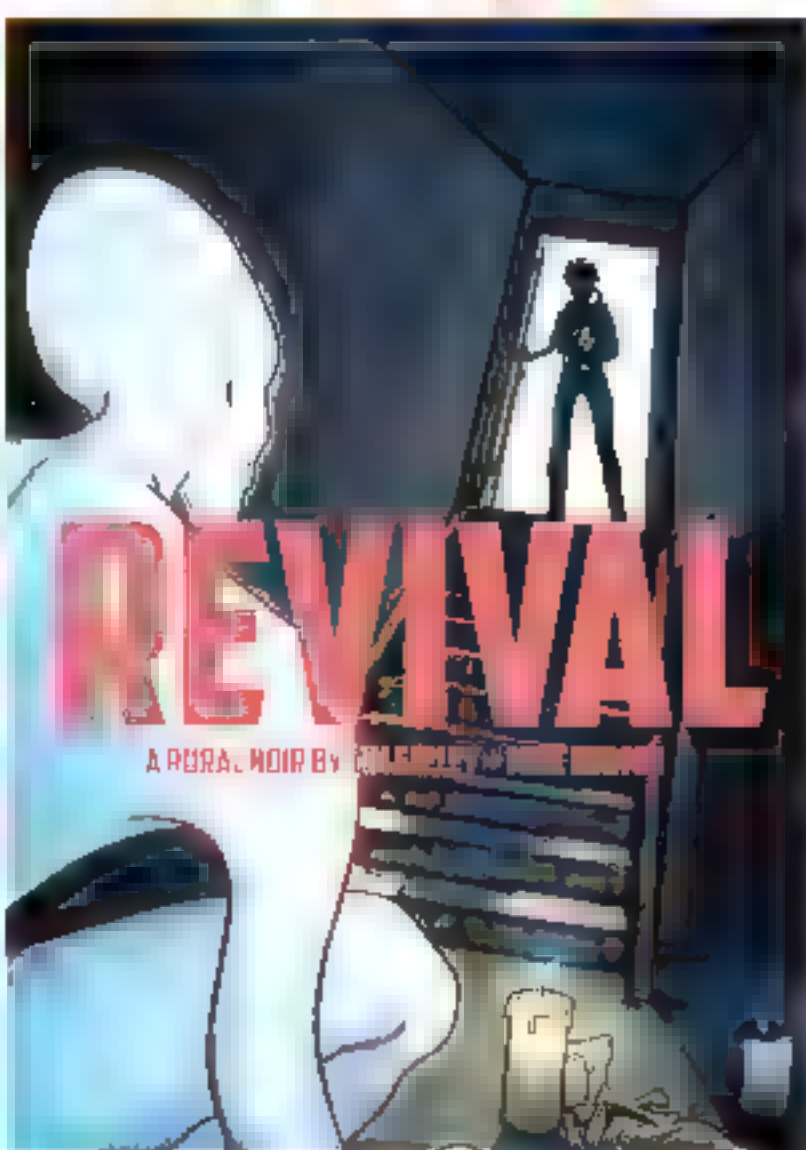
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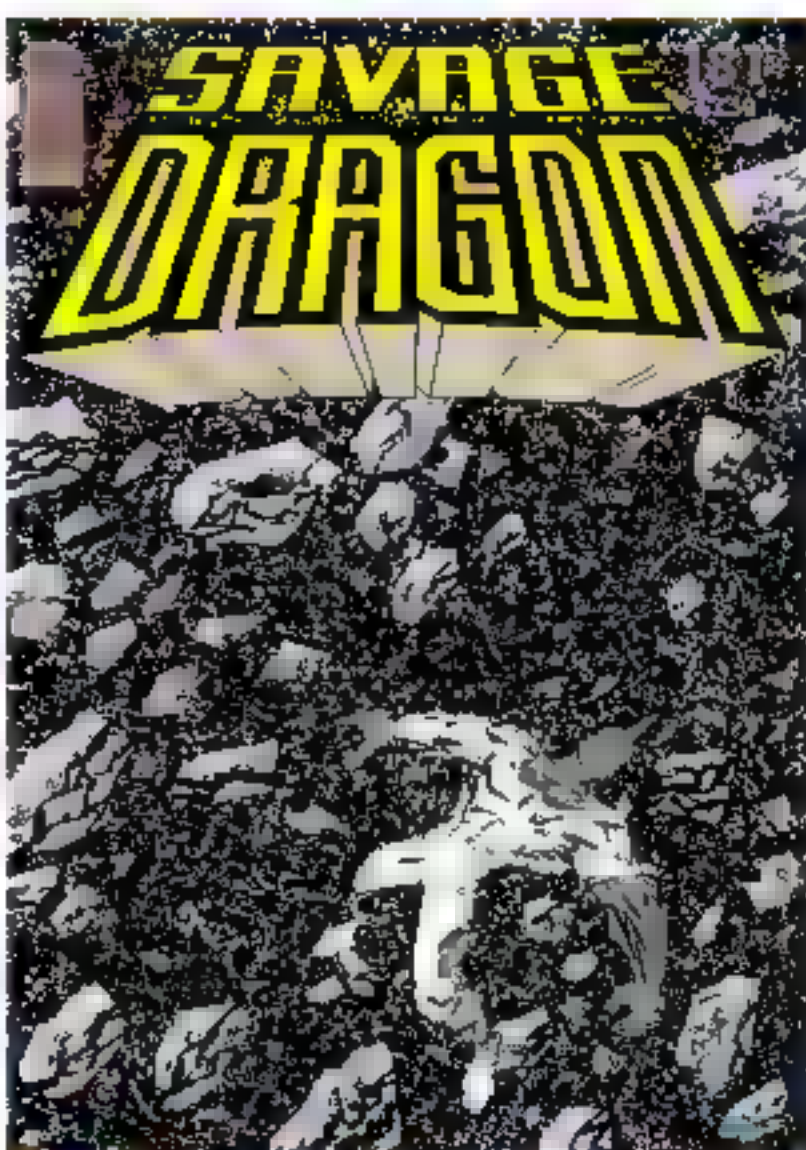
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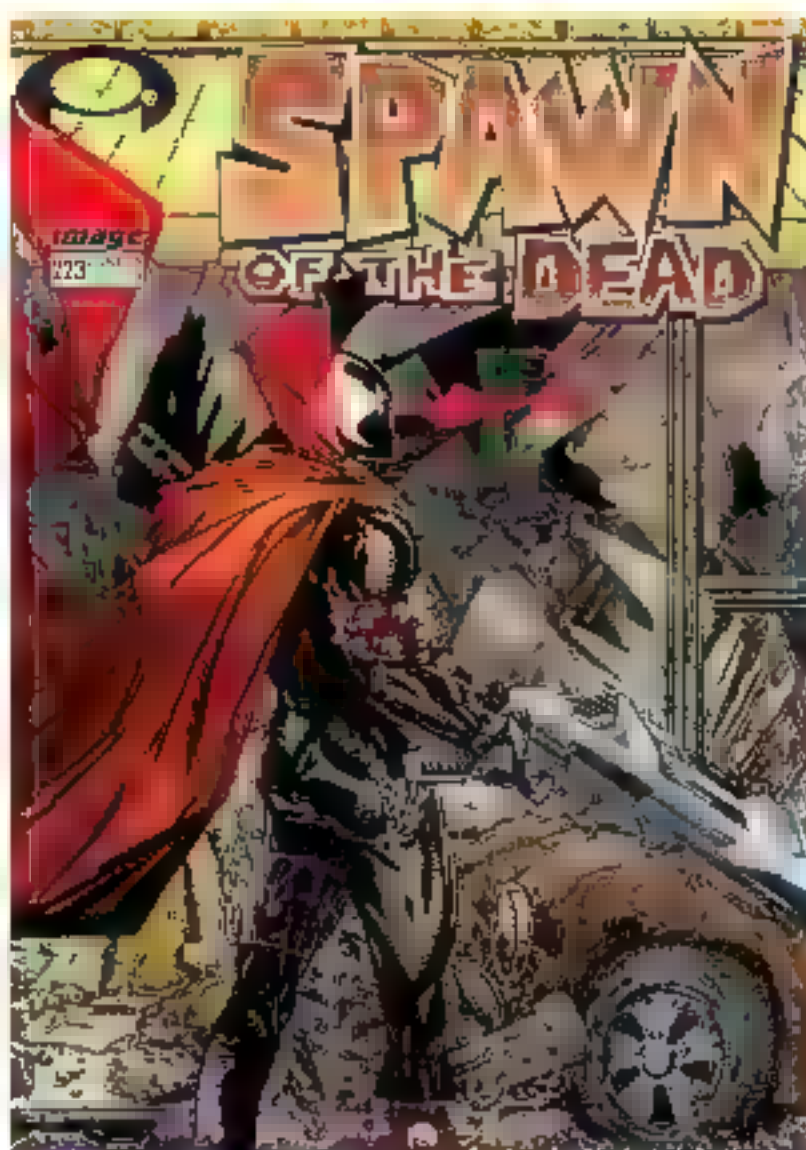
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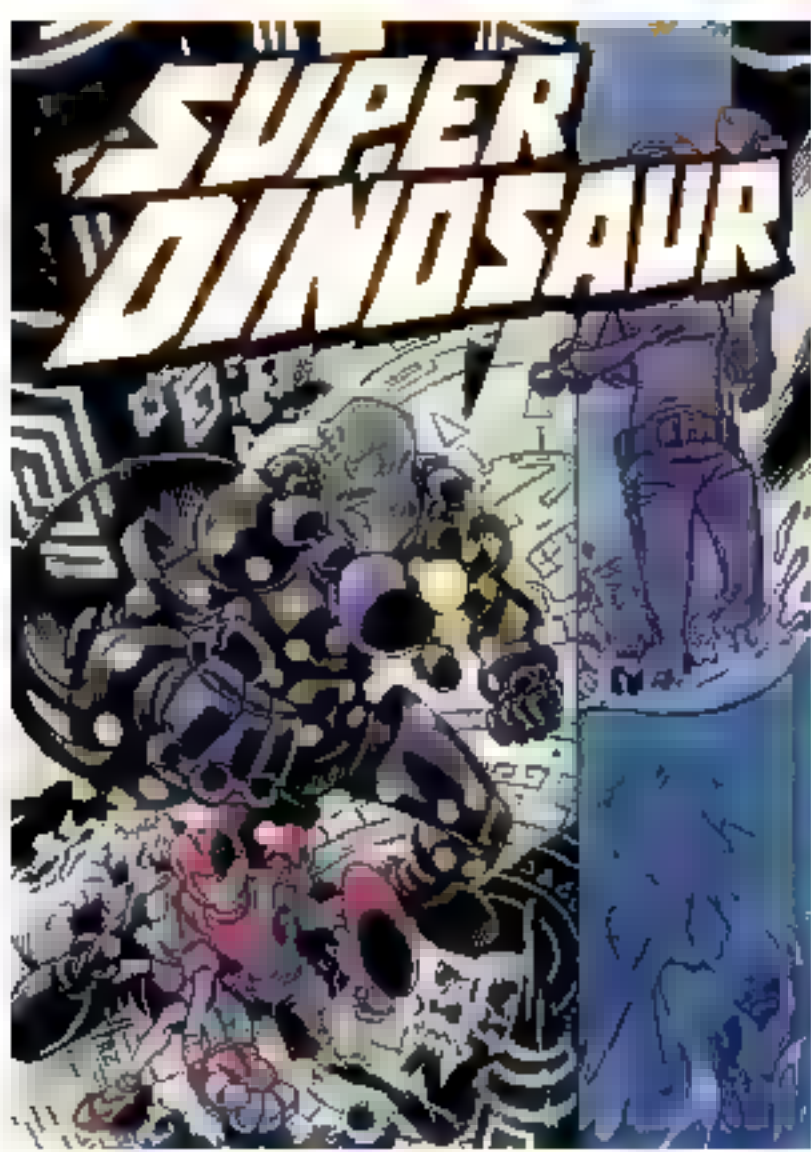
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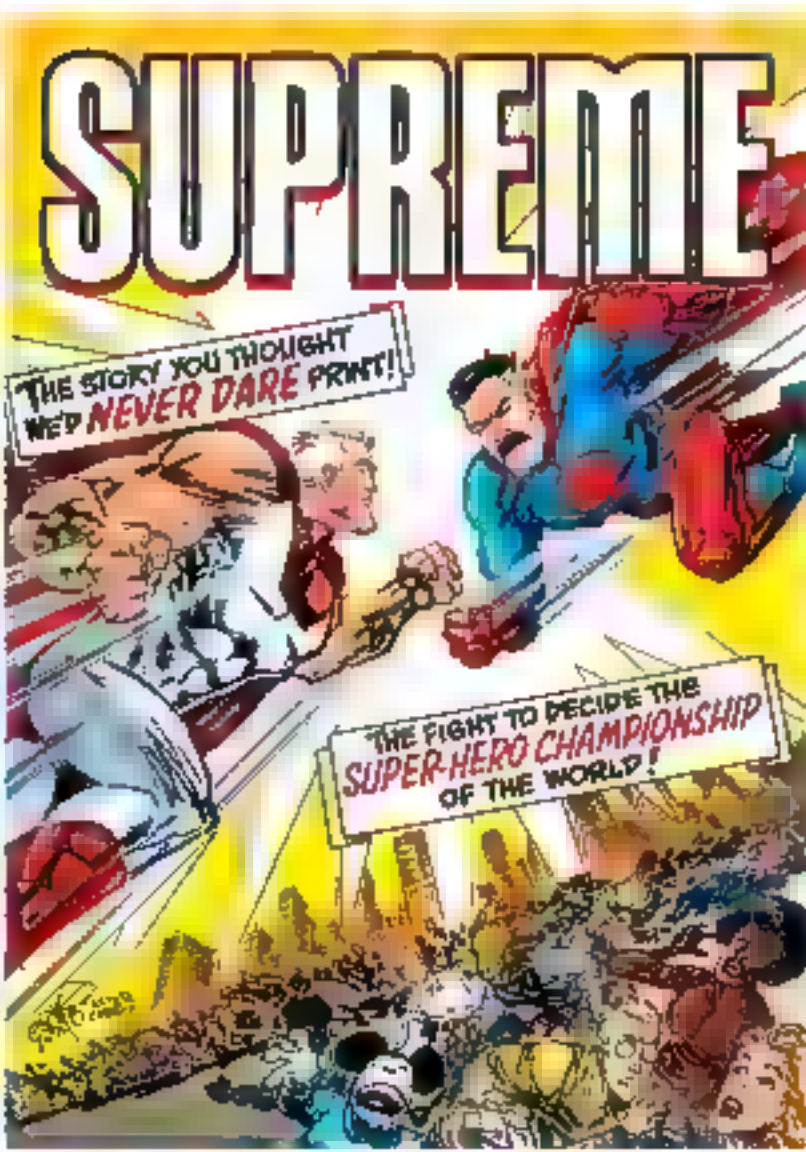
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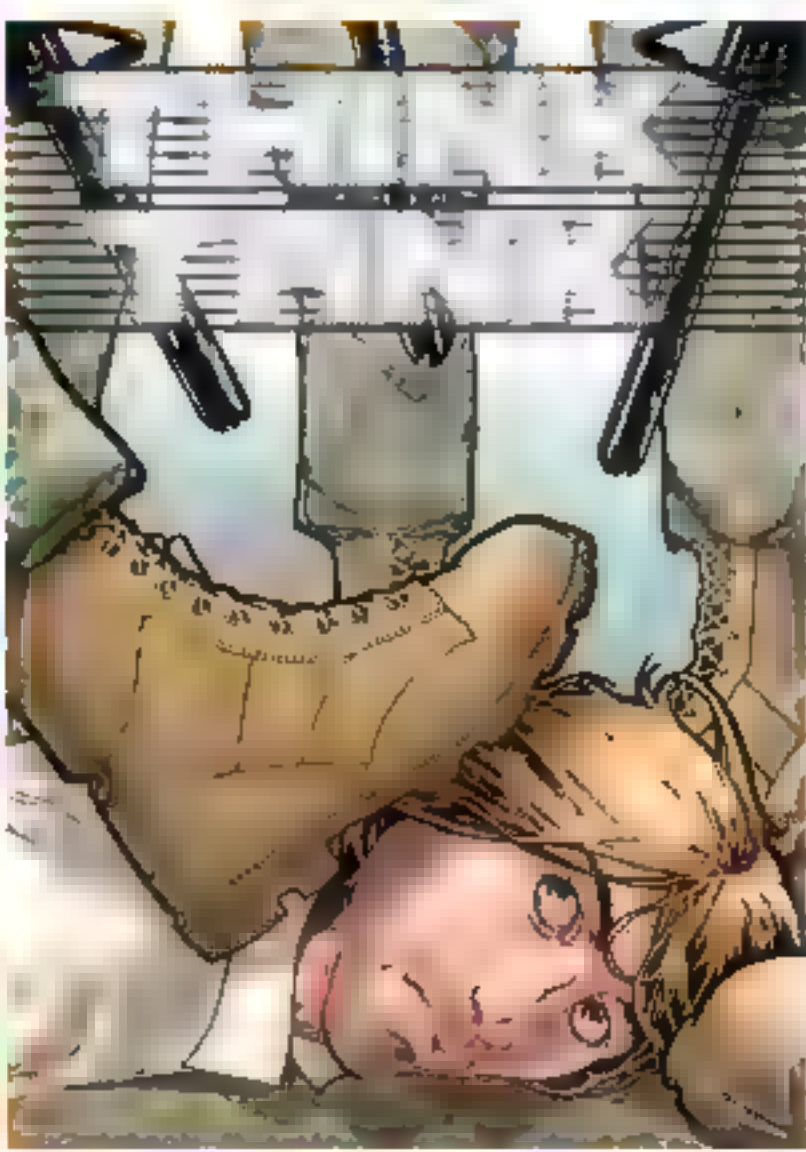
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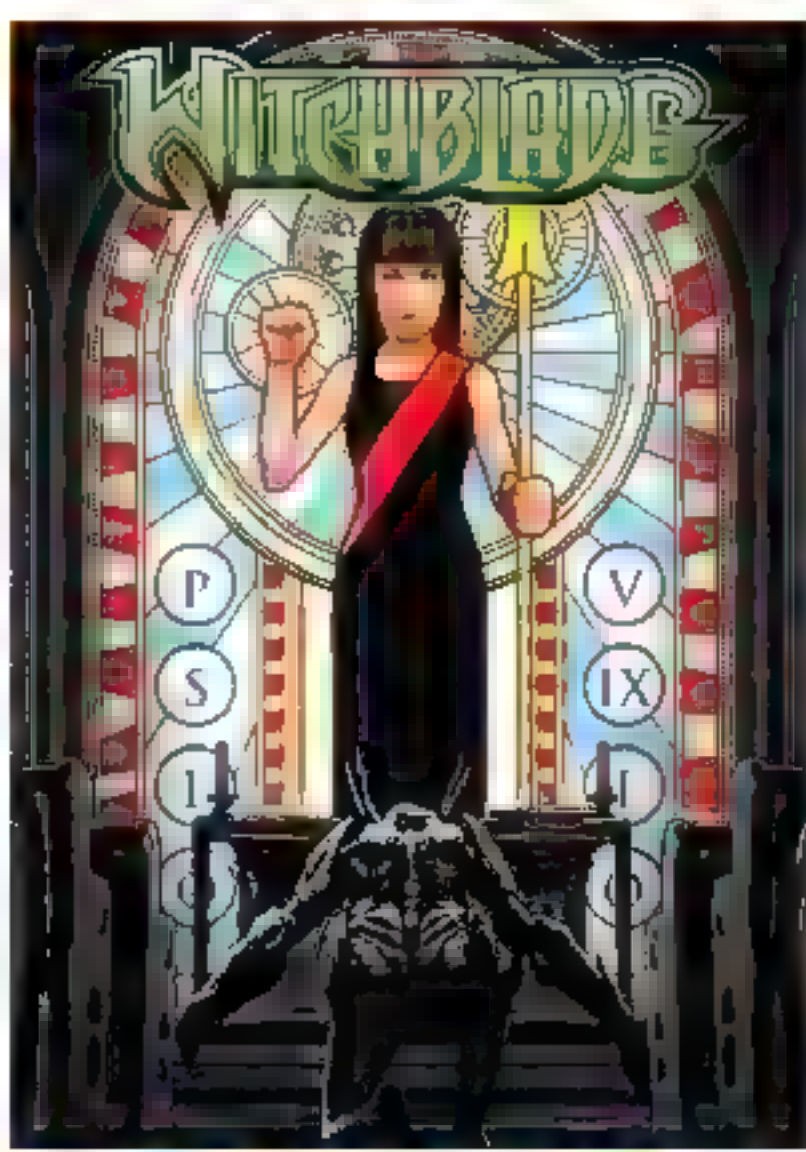
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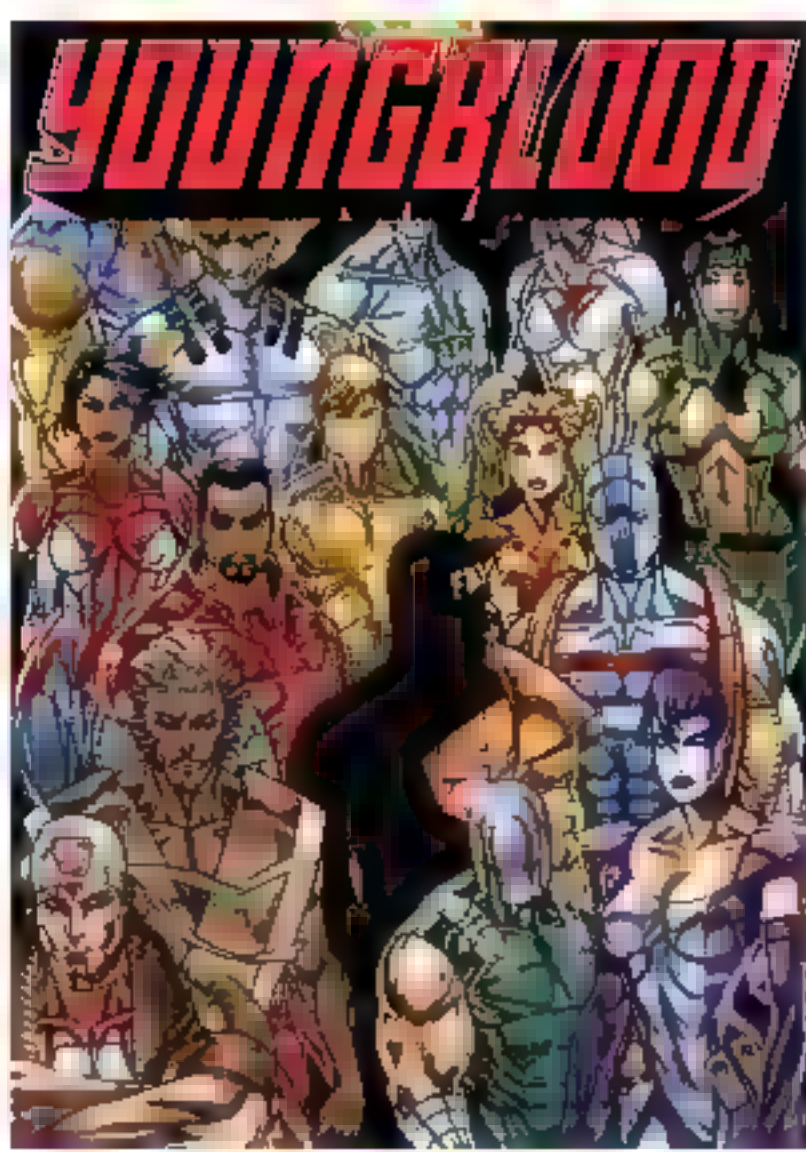
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## Question of the Month

"WATCHMEN, not because the story itself will teach anyone anything, but the way the story is told really demonstrates how comics don't always simplistic stories for kids. And it does do this while still making a story that's fun. Which is what most people think of when they think of comic books."

Jay Faerber  
NEW YORK

## "WHAT COMIC DO YOU WISH YOU HAD TO READ IN SCHOOL?"

"Probably some Jack Kirby comics like The Demon or Devil Dinosaur. I didn't truly appreciate his work as a kid because I wasn't interested in those old superhero comics and I had not yet seen some of the more weird stuff he did later in his career."

Ken Garing  
FLORIDA

"I think Channel Zero could have inspired me to use all my anger to tell stories or at least make things instead of just being a kid punk."

Riley Russo  
GREEN WAKE, REBEL BLOND

"Remake' by Lamar Abrams because it's hilarious!"

Koss Campbell  
NEW YORK

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Grant Morrison is one of those writers who almost doesn't need an introduction. Aside from era-defining work on All-Star Superman, Batman and Robin and JLA, he's also written New X-Men, Doom Patrol and Animal Man, and created The Invisibles, Joe the Barbarian, The Filth and We3. And that's not even a full list! Grant makes his Image Comics debut this month alongside artist Darick Robertson, with an offbeat new crime miniseries, Happy!

What are you working on right now?  
'Happy' #2 and Action Comics #13, a Hallowe'en issue entitled 'The Ghost in the Fortress of Solitude'.

What's the best part of your job?  
It's also my hobby.

What's the worst part of your job?  
Sunny days.

How did you first discover comics?  
My family was always into comics. I can't remember a time I haven't been a fan.

If you weren't working in comics, what would you be doing?  
I'd be writing a lot more for other media.

What's the best thing a fan has ever said to you?  
'Your work stopped me from killing myself.'

Who is the biggest influence on your work?  
Enid Blyton. Alan Garner. Dennis Potter.

What is the single work of which you're most proud?  
The Filth.

Own up to one of your guilty pleasures.  
Geordie Shore, the Brit version of Jersey Shore.

What was the last comic book you bought?  
Bulletproof Coffin.

If you could be someone else for a day, who would it be?  
Tarzan.

Pick three things you couldn't live without.  
Food, water, air.

What's the strangest thing you have in your house?  
History.

What makes you laugh?  
Limmy's World of Glasgow.

What is one of your favorite places?  
Rarotonga in the South Pacific.

What music are you listening to these days?  
Tyler the Creator, Akira the Don, Momus

What is your favorite film of all time?  
O Lucky Man!

Who is your best friend?  
My wife Kristan.

What is the best advice you've ever received?  
Don't follow leaders.

When was the last time you were truly frightened?  
During my recent life or death struggle in space with Sinestro Corps member Arkillo

Name someone you really admire and explain why.  
Odin.

What would you like to see happen in comics in the next 12 months?  
More new and unexpected stuff.

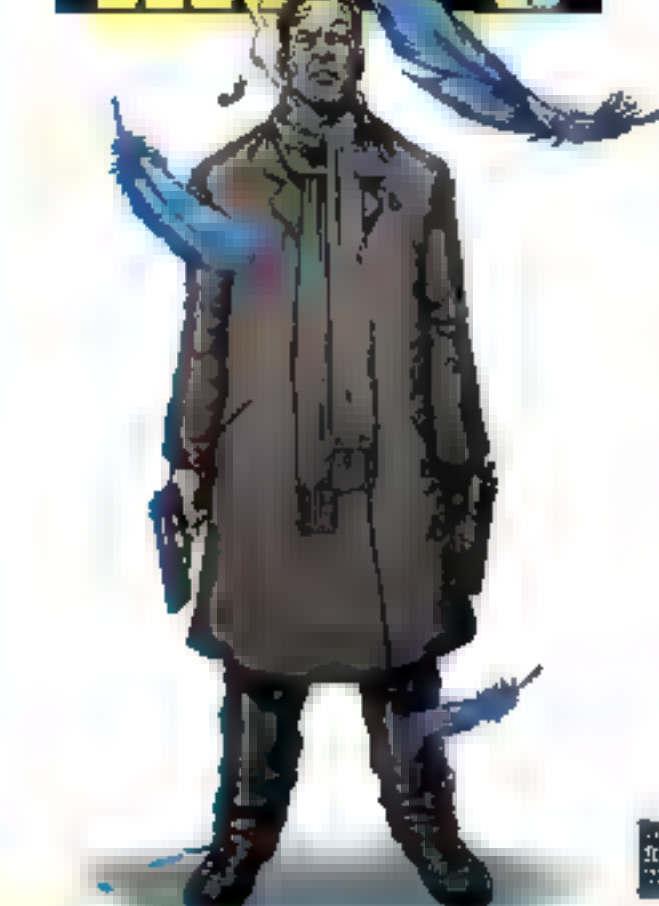
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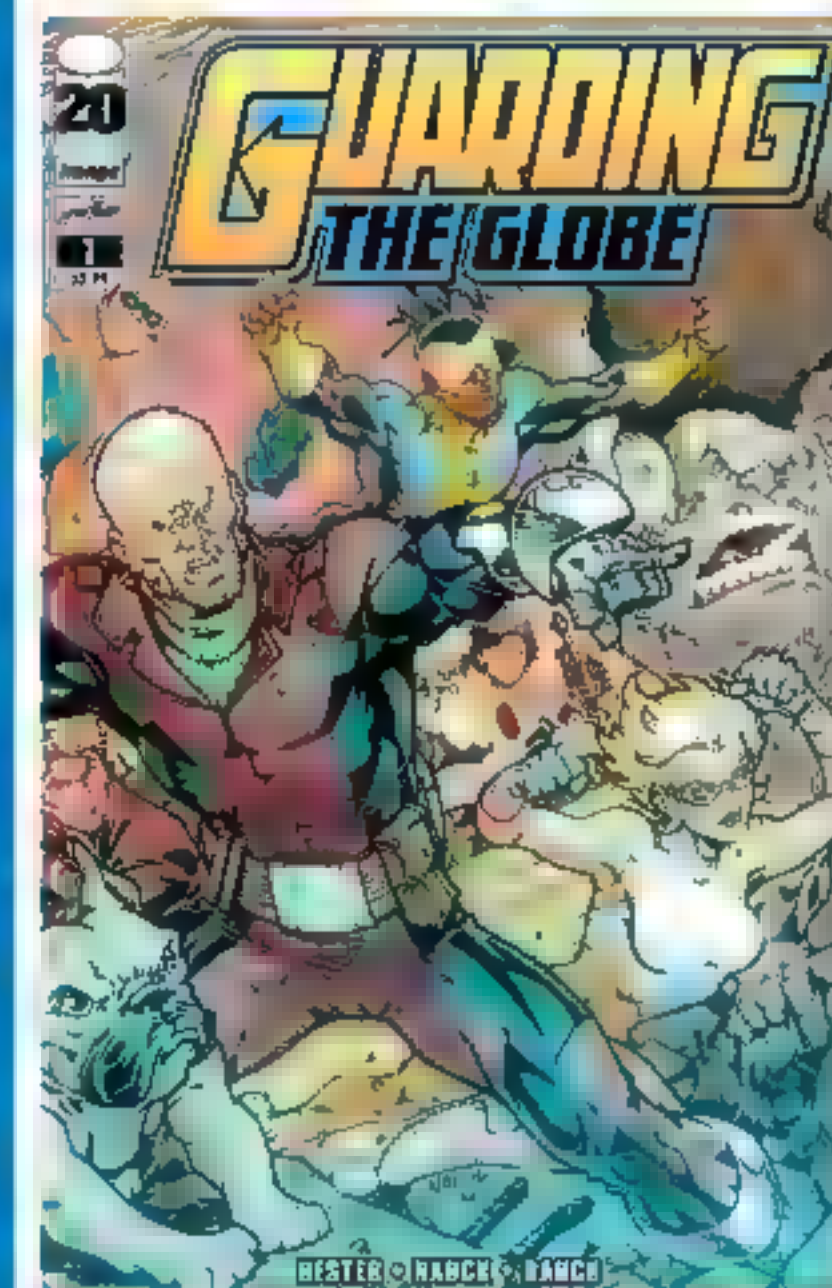
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MORRISON ROBERTSON  
**HAPPY**



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### GUARDING THE GLOBE #1



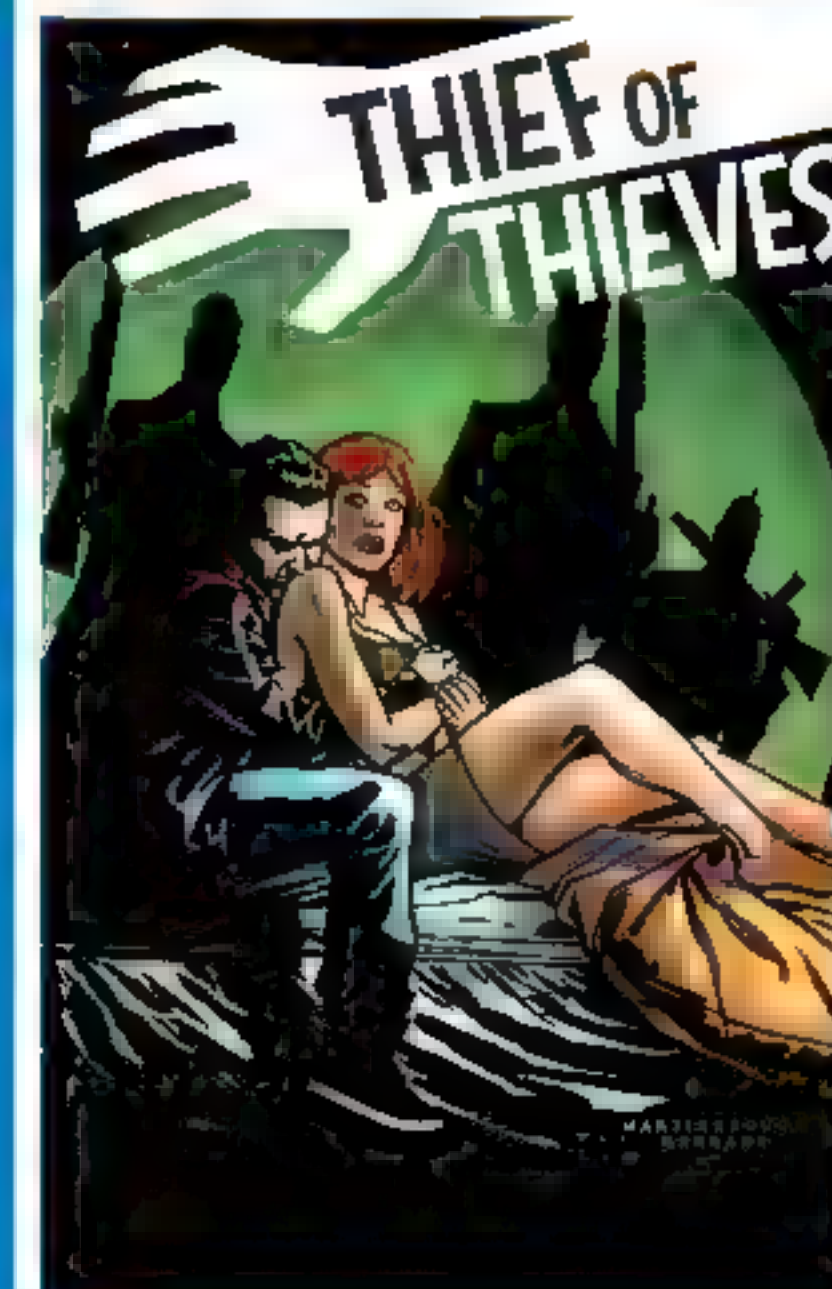
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### THIEF OF THIEVES #0



Redmond's big heist did not turn out as planned... and the aftermath shows that every action has an equal - and equally violent - reaction. GENERATION HOPE writer James Asmus kicks off an all-new story arc!





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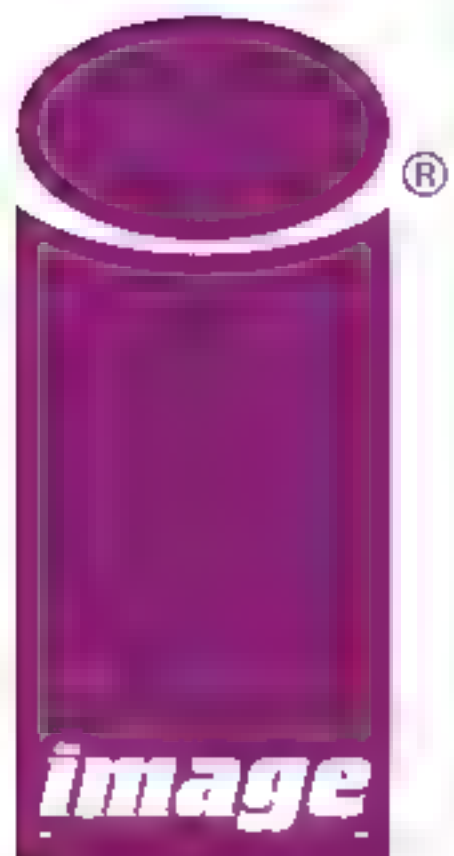




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# GREAT PACIFIC

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